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Fashion PRE-VIEW

FOR WINTER DAYS—INDOORS AND OUT

Variety of fabric is the most striking feature in the new winter fashions in London. One marvels at the richness of materials. Cellophane velvet, stiff lame silk, slipper satin and taffeta velvet all are important in the varied silhouettes. In some models stiff silk or velvet is the dominant feature; others, with soft close-fitting draperies, call for cellophane velvet or suede crepe. For morning wear soft dull woollens prevail trimmed with astrakhan or nutria. Molyneux combines these in perfection in his short three-quarter length coats with dress to match. One of his coats has the entire back and sleeves made of astrakhan; another has sleeves composed of three puffs. Dresses to go with these coats are severely plain, being trimmed only with three or four fur buttons or laced with a narrow tape of cloth.

The liking for simplicity in day-time frocks is evident with most designers.

with some of her sports clothes, such as a cock printed in browns and red on a yellow silk, to be used on a jumper-blouse with a green tweed suit. Other houses use velvet cravats with tweeds.

Sleeves are impressive. The long loose oriental type are used for coats in woollen material and fur. The large bouffant type seen in evening wraps, are made of stiff lame silks, reminiscent of medieval days. Skirts ride out importantly, and sleeves are irrefragable, and in some cases they do not end at the top of the arm but mount up over the shoulder to the necklines and become part of the collar in intricate waves. A good example of such sleeves is achieved in a gown designed by Mme. Isobel. Here the gold embroidered sleeves are the chief feature of the gown. This designer has also one of the most charming gowns with an old-world touch that I have seen. It is an evening frock in black velvet with loose



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"In my own handbag I carry a small bottle of my favourite liquid cleanser which I can use at a moment's notice. Then, with one small, but well equipped vanity case, containing powder, rouge and lipstick, I am able to run into a dressing room and give myself a fresh make-up as quickly and in much more satisfactory manner than I could repair the old. I believe the first rule in good grooming should be never to wear make-up in layers."

This advice is not only extremely sound, but unusually easy to follow. Putting on layer after layer of powder and rouge grinds dust and dirt into the pores and gives the skin a rather grayish, unhealthy look. It betrays every woman who values her appearance to carry a cleanser and a few pieces of clean cotton in her bag. When rouge looks faded and powder has disappeared in spots, removal of old and application of new cosmetics is the ideal procedure.

To dab a bit of colour here and a touch of powder there is just about as satisfactory as the job the landlady does when he tells you he can't redecorate, but that he will touch up your apartment so it will look just like new.



covering the entire frock. With such dresses Molyneux uses plaster flowers as decoration. One model in pale dusty pink, with these chalklike flowers forming an integral part of the gown, was a welcome contrast to the large petals flowers that have become so stereotyped in evening dresses.

A quaint fashion, that will amuse young people, is the vogue for wearing startling coloured gloves with evening dresses. Gloves of silver tissue are worn with a black dress; orange velvet, or brown velvet with a beige dress are less surprising but are at least quaint, like the evening skirts on a trouser foundation.

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Draped Neckline Gives A More Distinctive Finish To Fashion

Collars and sleeves were once the surest indication of the date of coat or dress. To-day models do not date in the same way, thanks to the many distinctive styles in neck-drapery and management of the collarless line. Sleeves are still interesting, but they are of such various shapes and sizes that they have become a less decisive factor in dressing.

Designers have made great study of the neckline, increasing slender length or youthful trimness by skilful ideas to suit each wearer.

Neck-finish as a whole is very charming this season, and less sudden and disturbing than the splashes of various jabots and cravats. These still appear with shirts and sporting jumpers, but the simple day dress of wool or the "hostess" gown in satin and velvet has the neckline ingeniously draped to add grace to the wearer.

Some young faces can look attractive with their throats showing above a lattice in strips of fabric, smocking, or creased embroidery. The coloured cord finish at the base of the throat is specially charming for a plain frock in a dark shade, that is also laced at front or sides with a similar bright cord. In velvet, the narrow scarf finish is pretty, or sometimes the whole corsage is draped in one. To slenderise a figure one cannot better the long, narrow never disappearing into the waist line.

A pretty notion is the spray of leaves or flowers made either from the fabric of the dress or to contrast, and placed at the base of the throat. Lace and chiffon flowers are beautiful, and incorporate the finest hand work. Quilted designs also form a finish to many charming and more intimate garments. The Royal touseau had many lovely examples of dainty neck trimmings.

It is not always realised how exquisitely fine and beautiful English stitchery can be. There is no period of needlework that is not being reproduced to-day in stitches and correct colours.

Two pairs of shoes designed for Lady Alice Scott's touseau illustrate the newest trend in English footwear. One is a pair of navy blue kid for afternoon wear. The lines of stitching are decoratively placed some little distance apart, not close together, as last year. The tongue which covers the instep shows the "monk" influence in its lightest form, and the 2 1/2 inch heel is typical of the smartest styles for town.

The most interesting feature of the other pair of shoes is a bottle green suede—this time a walking shoe with semi-Cuban heels—is the new rounded vamp. This is the English designer's protest



CHARMING SCHOOL FROCK

A high lustre cotton fabric in navy blue is used for a charming school frock for little Helen Parrish, young RKO Radio Pictures' player. Smocking in bright red on the pockets and shoulders add a gay note and ball buttons and an octagonal buckle are also in matching red. The frock sports two turned-down collars—the upper one made of the dress fabric, the under one of red. This effect is repeated in the cuffs of the pulled sleeves. Helen wears ankle socks, finely striped in red and navy blue with this dress.

against the square toe which American fashion is urging. The 1 1/2 inch heel which is to be generally worn on walking and afternoon shoes is another example of English restraint in face of Continental attempts to bring in what are popularly known as the "flaties."

Heavy sports shoes this autumn show a definite Tyrolean influence and an amusing Salisbury model is in brown suede with narrow stay-pings of scarlet or vivid green. For the indoor shoe we favour the two to two-and-a-half inch heel.

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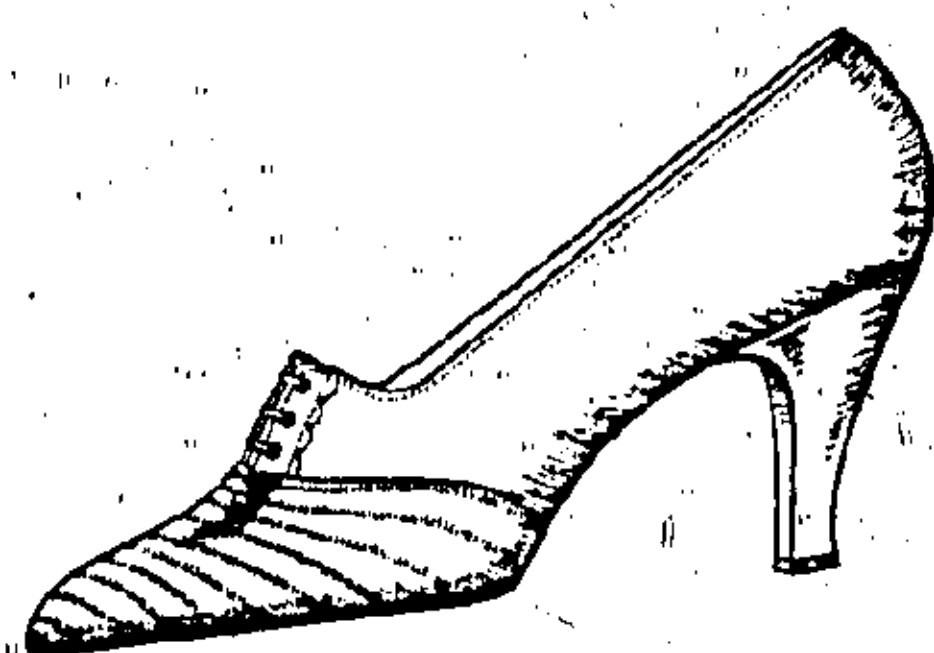
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VOGUE FROM HOLLYWOOD

GOWN IN GRECIAN MOTIF

Glamour, grace and the most
brilliant of the new season's styles
are caught in a lovely evening
gown worn by Ginger Rogers in
RKO Radio Pictures' "Tamed."

The dress, distinctly Grecian in
motif, is made of heavy pebble
satin in a rich green. The fabric
is gathered onto a heavy cord at
the neck, falling in draped folds
to the floor. In back, the bodice
is slashed to the waistline, the fabric
casually gathered on to the cord
at each shoulder to permit an open
decolletage. To belt the gown,
Miss Rogers wears a lovely Grecian
girdle made of polished oval
medallions in silver, each set with
cut rhinestones. Bernard Newman
is the designer.

are the keynote of the newest fall
styles.

Following this mode, Betty Gra-
ble, RKO Radio Pictures' player,
has chosen bottle green velvet, the
shade reminiscent of Renaissance
paintings, for a new afternoon
frock. The frock is cut along
straight tailored lines with fitted
sleeves. A green and gold lame
kerchief is pulled under the deep,
pointed collar to tie in back. Cris-
tal buttons, inset in gold are used
to fasten the frock.

Most charming of all is the
quaint, schoolgirl hat which is
styled with a stitched, rolled-back
brim. A gold link ornament,
tucked beneath the brim in the
centre front, is the only trimming.

FABRIC CREATES WINTER SUIT

Here's news; a suit styled to fit
the fabric instead of selecting the
fabric to fit the suit. The fabric
is a rough brown wool made with
a heavy tufted stripe in beige and
dark brown. The suit, designed by
Walter Plunkett, is worn by
Helen Broderick in RKO Radio's
"To Beat the Band."

The jacket of the ensemble is
loose-fitting in back, resembling
a cape, with narrow gores adding
the fullness. The gores are cut so
that a tufted stripe runs through
the centre of each. The belt of
the jacket is edged with the tuft-
ed striping which is also used to
create the tie fastening the pleated
collar. Her brown felt military
tricorn hat is trimmed with the
striped material.

RICH COLOUR FEATURES ENSEMBLE

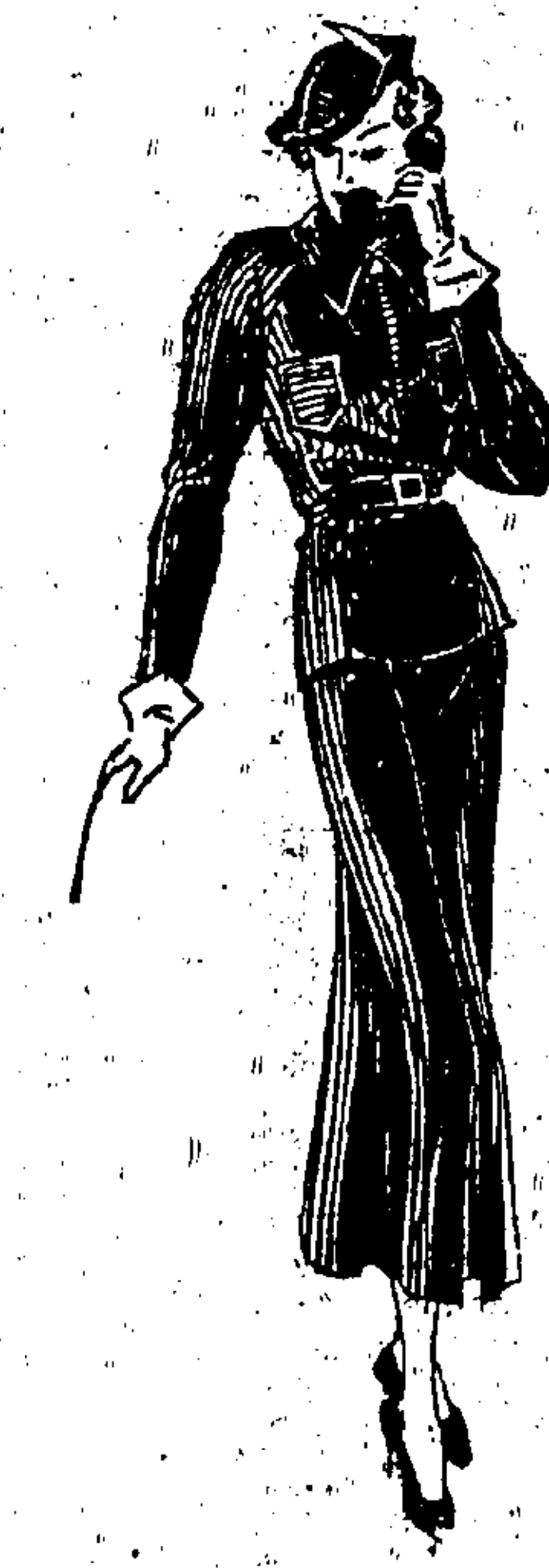
It's a year for deep, rich colours
and maroon is one of the fav-
ourites. One of the season's
smartest ensembles featuring this
lovely colour is worn by Anne
Shirley, who will soon, be starred
in RKO Radio's "Long Ago Ladies."

Anne's frock is attractively
tailored in maroon wool, the
square pockets trimmed with
wooden buttons stained to match.
A novel note is supplied at the
neck of the frock. Here the bodice
is fastened with white cording run
through square wooden loops.

With the frock, Anne wears a
knee-length coat of basket-weave
tweed in maroon and white strip-
ings. The edge of the cuffs and
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ALASKAN SEAL TRIMS SMART ENSEMBLE

Crescent-shaped revers of Alas-
kan seal trim the collarless jacket
of a smart street suit worn by
Princess Natalie Paley, who is
making her American motion pic-
ture debut in Katharine Hepburn's
latest RKO Radio Picture, "Sylvia
Scarlett."

The suit is made of a light
weight wool in hunter's green, and
beside the revers the seal is used
to band the hem of the jacket and
the sleeve cuffs. Brown and green
iridescent coque feathers trim the
brown felt hat worn with the en-
semble, which was designed, es-
pecially for the Princess by Walter
Plunkett.



COLOUR CONTRAST

Another example of the popular
Grecian mode is the attractive
evening frock of ice blue crinkled
satin worn by Jane Hamilton, who
is currently in RKO Radio's "I
Dream Too Much." The bodice
in front is gathered into a wide
corded band of coral crinkled
satin-providing an interesting col-
our contrast. This band forms a
novel collar in back, edging the low
V-shaped decolletage. The sash,
as long as the train, is also of
coral satin. Rhinestone "horse-
hoe" clips decorate the neckline
in front.

METAL TAFFETA

Metallic taffetas are among the
season's smartest fabrics. Such a
fabric in gun metal was chosen by
Lucille Ball for her newest evening
gown.

The dress is styled with a halter
bodice, finished at the waist with
a ruffled peplum. Skirt fullness is
gained by means of diagonal gores.
Just below knee level a shower of
pail-coloured zinnias made of
velvet is caught in the skirt. A
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ded an attractive new street ensam-
ble of ecru wool to her fall ward-
robe. Created with full, dolman
sleeves fitted at the wrist, the
"coat" appears as the frock bodice
from the front, but in back is cut
as a waist-length cape. Bands of
Russian sable form the collar and
cross in front in military style,
adding a note of luxury.

With this ensembled, Miss
Brooks, who is currently playing
an important role in RKO Radio's
"To Beat the Band," wears a
stitched brown felt hat which is
styled with a tricky brim rolled
high in back and down in front.
The accessories are brown suede.

COAT FOR YOUNG MISS

School bells are ringing, and
small Virginia Weidner returns to
the classroom wearing a gay little
coat of ecru wool, the fabric a
soft homespun tweed. The coat is
double-breasted, fastening with
self-covered buttons. Styled with-
out a belt, the smart little gar-
ment is stitched from each shoul-
der to the hemline, the stitching
opened just below the waist for
slash pockets. Grey caracul is
used to edge the pointed cape
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Virginia's "pull-on" hat is made
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logue in Spanish presenting
"Russia."

8.15 p.m.—Hispania.
8.45 p.m.—Stock Quotations and
Local Market Reports.
9 p.m.—Hispania—Zarzuelas.
10.30 p.m.—Popular Tunes and
Requests.

11 p.m.—Sign off.
BERLIN PROGRAMME
9 p.m.—Call DJA, DJB, DJN
(German, Engl.).
German Folk Song.
Programme Forecast (German,
Engl.).

9.15 p.m.—Sonata in F minor (Ap-
passionata) by Ludwig van
Beethoven.
At the Piano: Adrian Aesch-
bacher.
9.45 p.m.—News in English on DJA
and in Dutch on DJB, DJN.

10 p.m.—A Merry Medley of Light
Musical Entertainment.
10.15 p.m.—"Olympia 1936." A talk
by Reichspropagandaführer v.
Tschammer-Osten.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

(Through Reuters Agency)

QUOTATIONS

New York, December 5.

	High	Low	Close	Today's	Change
New York/London Cross-rate	4.83	4.83	4.83	unchanged	
New York Cotton—Mar.	11.47	11.49	11.72	11.62	up
New York Rubber—Mar.	13.18	13.12	13.99	13.18	up
Chicago Wheat—May	96	96	96	96	off
Chicago Corn—May	68	68	68	68	up
Silver—Official	—	—	68	68	unchanged

Dow Jones Average	High—1934/35	Low	Dec. 3	Dec. 4	Change
30 Industrials	145.84	96.71	143.68	144.04	46 up
30 Rails	40.46	37.31	40.48	41.74	1.22 up
30 Utilities	53.96	14.46	52.93	59.11	19 up
40 Bonds	97.66	53.43	97.68	97.94	18 up
11 Commodity Index	63.10	53.41	56.16	55.94	22 off

Business Done: 2,940,900 shares.

Stock & Div.	Last Sale	Dec. 3	Dec. 4
Adams Express	9	10	
Amer. Can (4)	138	139	
Am. Cyanamid "B"	29	29	
(25dr.)	7	7	
Am. For. Pwr.	—	—	
Am. For. Pwr. \$7 1st	—	—	
Pf.	—	—	
Am. Locomotive	25	25	
Am. Radiator	21	22	
Am. Smelting	61	62	
Am. T. and T. (9)	157	158	
Am. Tob "B" (5)	101	101	
Am. Waterworks (1)	19	20	
Am. Waterworks \$6	91	91	
pref (6)	26	27	
Anaconda Copper	—	—	
Atch. T. and S. F.	—	—	
(25d.)	—	—	
Auburn Automobile	39	38	
Baltimore & Ohio	13	13	
Bethlehem Steel	42	42	
Boeing Airplane	98	99	
Borden Co. (1.60)	—	—	
Borg. Warner (1dr.)	—	—	
Cass	101	101	
Canadian Pacific	11	12	
Caterpillar Tract	—	—	
Ch. Nat. Bk. (1.40)	39	38	
C'Peake Corp. (2.50)	60	60	
C'Peake Corp. and	—	—	
Ohio (2.80)	52	53	
Chrysler (1d)	84	83	
Col. Gas & Elec.	131	131	
Comm. Solv. (.60)	86	88	
Comm. Sthm.	2	2	
Comm. Sthm. \$6	32	32	
Cum. Pl. (6)	28	29	
Cons. Gas, N.Y. (2)	41	42	
Cont. Oil (25)	24	24	
Corn Prod (3)	138	138	
Douglas Aircraft	154	154	
Du Pont (2.60)	73	73	
Elec. Bond & Share	38	38	
Elec. Bond \$5 Pf (5)	33	33	
Elec. Bond \$6 Pf (6)	33	33	
Fox Film "A"	—	—	
Gen. Elec. (40)	38	38	
Gen. Foods (1.80)	55	55	
Gen. Motors (1d)	38	39	
Gen. Rly. Sigs (1)	—	—	

Stock & Div.	Last Sale	Dec. 3	Dec. 4
Gold Dust (1.20)	20	20	
Goodyear	21	22	
Int. Cement	43	43	
Int. Nick (.60)	13	12	
Int. Tel. & Tel.	28	28	
Johns Manville	52	52	
Kennecott (.15)	25	25	
Loew's (1)	39	38	
Lorill (1.20)	36	36	
Mont. Ward	39	38	
Nat. City Bk. (1)	36	36	
Nat. Da P. (1.20)	19	19	
Nat. Distillers	31	31	
Nat. Pwr. Lt. (.80)	28	29	
N.Y. Central	24	24	
N. Amer. (50c. 4%)	29	30	
Pac. Gas (1.50)	29	30	
Pac. Lng. (3)	—	—	
Packard Motors	6	6	
Penn. Rly. (1)	31	32	
Phil. Petro (1)	36	36	
Pub. Ser. N.J. (2.80)	44	44	
Radio Corp.	11	12	
Rey. Tob "B" (3)	55	55	
Schenley	66	67	
Sears Roebuck	12	13	
Soc.-Vae. (.80)	24	25	
Srn. Cal. Ed. (1.50)	24	25	
Southern Pacific	15	15	
Stan. Brands (1)	5	5	
Stan. Gas	107	111	
Sta. Oil N.Y. (1)	22	22	
Ster. Pro. (2.80)	67	67	
Studebaker Corp.	72	73	
Texas G. Sulp (2)	32	31	
Transamerica (1.12)	12	13	
Un. Car. and Carb	10	10	
(1.40)	107	111	
Un. Pac. Rlys. (6)	22	22	
Un. Aircraft Corp.	12	12	
Un. Air Line Trans.	6	7	
United Corp.	44	43	
Un. Gas Impr. (1.20)	17	17	
Univ. Leaf Tob. (2)	72	72	
U.S. Indus. Alcohol.	15	15	
U.S. Rubber	47	48	
U.S. Steel	19	20	
Vanduit	8	9	
Warner Bros. Pict.	92	94	
West E. & M. (.65)	—	—	
Call Money	—	—	

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TRANSPORT COST LOWER

For Coal From
Anhwei

Wuhu, Nov. 29.

With the laying of rails to be
completed next week on the last
section of the Huainan Railway
between Chaohsien, on the eastern
shores of the Chao Lake, in central
Anhwei, and Yuchien on the
northern bank of the Yangtze
River, opposite Wuhu, better and
cheaper facilities will soon be
available for the transport of coal
from the mines in northern and
central Anhwei to the port of
Wuhu.

Since the operation of train ser-
vice between Huaiyuan and Chaoh-
hsien, and the institution of land
and water through transportation
between Chaohsien and Wuhu, the
export of coal from the Huainan
Area has increased considerably
this year.

Kuo Min.

11.15 p.m.—News in German on
DJA, DJB, DJN.

11.30 p.m.—To-day in Germany.
Sound Pictures.
11.45 p.m.—"Beauty and the Beast"
A Popular Fairy Tale arranged
as Melodrama by Erich Misch-
Ricci.

12.15 a.m.—News in English on DJA
and in Dutch on DJB, DJN.
12.30 a.m.—Close DJA, DJB, DJN
(German, Engl.).

DAIKON SAVES THE DAY

Snapshot Causes
Trouble to Americans

Yards and yards of dalkon, the

Japanese giant radish, were hung
out to dry before picking, on a
clothes line behind a Japanese hut
in the outskirts of Hakodate, the
Hokkaido. An American tourist
staying at the inn thought the
radishes an interesting subject
for a picture and took a couple
of snaps with his camera. Several
minutes later, while he and his
two travelling companions, ac-
companied by a guide from the
Japan Tourist Bureau, were
driving toward Hakodate city in
a motor car, two policemen order-
ed the party to stop. The police
had caught them after a mad
chase in an anticycle with sirens
screaming and all that, reports
the "Japan Advertiser." The
snapshots had been taken in a
fortified zone and the police had
been informed. The entire party
was immediately taken in custody.
This incident occurred on the
morning of November 9. The

QUEEN'S THEATRE

SHOWING TO-DAY at 2.30, 5.15, 7.30 & 9.30

Warner Bros. present
BETTE DAVIS
in her first stellar role in
"The Girl from 10th Avenue"

NEXT CHANGE
JOE E. BROWN
in "BRIGHT LIGHTS"

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ALHAMBRA

LAST TIMES TO-DAY
at 2.30, 5.15, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.

MARCHING TRIUMPHANTLY
DOWN THE CORRIDOR
OF TIME!

NO GREATER GLORY

Laurel and Hardy in their most hilarious comedy "BONNIE SCOTLAND"

**CAPITAL ENTERTAINMENT
AT THE QUEEN'S**

**"The Girl From 10th
Avenue"**

Bette Davis gave an excellent performance in her new starring vehicle "The Girl From 10th Avenue," the first National Picture, which had its first screening at the Queen's Theatre yesterday.

As the 10th Avenue shop girl, which is the character she portrays in this film, Miss Davis's acting surpasses anything she has done before. Ian Hunter is the millionaire in the story, and it goes on to tell of how he marries the shop girl just because he is disappointed in what he thinks is true love. The shop girl goes through all the hardships and disadvantages of a marriage between a woman and man who are so wide apart in their social walks of life.

Included in the supporting cast is Allison Skipworth, who plays her part as the land-lady nicely. A visit to Queen's Theatre is recommended because preceding the feature film, there is a most entertaining musical "short" in technicolor, and Winifred Shaw is the girl in the lead.—T. S. M.

**TRIAL HOCKEY
MATCH**

**Preparing For Annual
Encounter**

It has been announced by the Hong Kong Hockey Association that the following teams have been selected for the first trial match of the Civilian team in preparation for their annual encounter with the Combined Services.

The trial will be held on the Club Ground at King's Park, the game commencing at 3 p.m. on Dec. 8.

Colours:—R. H. Wong and M. Ramzan (one half each); J. E. Potter (Club) and G. Sommer (Club); J. Gonsalves (Recreio), W. A. Reed (Club) and D. McLellan (Y.M.C.A.); S. A. Fowler (Club), G. E. R. Divett (Club), Gurbachan Singh (Radio), Kalwant Singh (Radio) and D. J. Nooy (Club).

Whites:—S. S. Chin (University) and B. H. M. de Souza (Radio), one half each; A. E. P. Guest (Radio) and Karnall Singh (K.I.T.C.); A. S. Elias (St. Andrew's), L. Oliveira (University), and N. Beltrao (Recreio); Surin Singh (Radio), J. M. Pinto (K.I.T.C.).

It is understood that J. Gonsalves of the Recreio is on the sick list, and the following have been asked to attend the ground, prepared to play:—A. A. dos Remedios (Recreio), R. A. Bates (Y.M.C.A.), B. Gosano (Recreio), E. F. Fincher (St. Andrew's), and Sarnagat Singh (Radio).

LECTURE ON HOCKEY.

The second of a series of three lectures on general hockey and umpiring was given at the St. Andrew's Church Hall yesterday by Major M.H.A. Campbell, Vice-President of the Manak Hockey Tournament Committee.

There was a large attendance and the knowledge they received on umpiring which was the subject of yesterday's talk would be of great value to them in the future.

Many intricate points were brought up and given detailed explanations by the lecturer.

Those who had the misfortune to miss the first two lectures would do well to be present when the last is delivered.

**TO-DAY AT THE
CINEMA**

Hong Kong

KING'S:—
"Dressed To Thrill"

QUEEN'S:—
"The Girl from 10th Avenue"

ORIENTAL:—
"Bride of Frankenstein"

Kowloon

ALHAMBRA:—
"No Greater Glory"

MAJESTIC:—
"Transient Lady"

STAR:—
"The Crusades"

Coming

KING'S:—
"Bonnie Scotland"

QUEEN'S:—
"Bright Lights"

MAJESTIC:—
"Murder In The Fleet"

ALHAMBRA:—
"Bonnie Scotland"

BONNIE SCOTLAND

Joe E. Brown, the funnel-mouthed comedian, comes to the Queen's Theatre soon in what is regarded as his most uproarious comedy romance. In addition to Joe's laughing stunts, there are four lively songs, for the picture is one of back-stage life and the singing comes in "naturally." Joe E. himself, sings and dances and does acrobatic stunts with the famous Maxelles.

Scores of pretty chorus and dancing girls appear in the theatrical sequences but "Bright Lights" is neither a musical or a farce but stirring romantic comedy.

**"THE GIRL FROM 10th
AVENUE"**

Bette Davis, amazed all England with her perfect performance in "Of Human Bondage," is now in the report of one of London's favourite leading men, Ian Hunter, who is playing opposite Bette in her latest starring production, "The Girl From 10th Avenue," now showing to-day at the Queen's Theatre.

"The English public naturally places Somerset Maugham on a high pedestal," Hunter explained, and "Of Human Bondage," was one of his finest and best selling books. When we read that Hollywood was making a picture based on the book we did not believe that there was an American girl-either on stage or screen—who could do that role. But Bette Davis proved to the satisfaction of every English reader and screen lover that she could.

"DRESSED TO THRILL"

Hollywood's unflagging search for new faces, new personalities, has at last resulted in a real find! It has brought the tantalizing charm, the lovely singing voice and great dramatic talent of Tutta Rolf, Fox Film's European sensation, to the screen in "Dressed To Thrill," now at the King's Theatre.

"Dressed To Thrill" is Miss Rolf's vehicle. It gives her ample scope for her acting talent in the difficult dual role of the tantalizing coquette and the demure French dressmaker; it has hit tunes by Lew Pollack and Paul Webster to show off her rich, warm contralto, and it launches Miss Rolf on the road to assured stardom.

"BRIGHT LIGHTS"

When Laurel and Hardy unwittingly enlist in a Scotch regiment about to embark for India, the fun begins in their latest Hal Roach-M.G.M. comedy feature, "Bonnie Scotland." And when Stan and Ollie, with others of their outfit, impersonate high officers upon the occasion of their visit to the Khan of Gazzer, tribal chieftain, the hilarity reaches its height.

In the first place, imagine, if you will, Messrs. Laurel and Hardy in kilts! Then picture them involved in intrigue in the bandit-infested desert stretches of far away India. In no other picture in which they have appeared have they enjoyed such a gloriously strange background for their antics. This superb picture comes to the King's and Alhambra Theatres on Saturday.

**HONG KONG RIFLE
ASSOCIATION**

**Spoon And Practice
Shoot**

A spoon and practice shoot under the aegis of Hong Kong Rifle Association was fired off on Wednesday at the Army Ranges at Kowloon City. The following were the scores:—

	S.R. (B)				S.R. (A)			
	Score at 200 yds.	Score at 300 yds.	Score at 400 yds.	Aggregate Score	Score at 200 yds.	Score at 300 yds.	Score at 400 yds.	Aggregate Score
C.P.O. Black	31	31	31	93	31	31	31	93
R.Q.M.S. O'Leary	31	31	31	93	31	31	31	93
2/Lt. Holmes	31	31	31	93	31	31	31	93
Lt. Douglas	31	31	31	93	31	31	31	93
L/Cpl. Bradford	31	31	31	93	31	31	31	93
Sgt. Warwick	31	31	31	93	31	31	31	93
Mr. Stickland	31	31	31	93	31	31	31	93

	S.R. (B)				S.R. (A)			
	Score at 200 yds.	Score at 300 yds.	Score at 400 yds.	Aggregate Score	Score at 200 yds.	Score at 300 yds.	Score at 400 yds.	Aggregate Score
Sgt. Blandford	31	31	31	93	31	31	31	93
Pte. Quah	31	31	31	93	31	31	31	93
Lt. Pattullo	31	31	31	93	31	31	31	93
Cpl. McCourt	31	31	31	93	31	31	31	93
Sgt. Howe	31	31	31	93	31	31	31	93
S/Sgt. Moreton	31	31	31	93	31	31	31	93

* Next Spoon, 1st Cap Spoon.

**A NEW CLUB
FOR BOYS**

**Sympathy Asked For
Newspaper Vendors**

The "Hong Kong Daily Press" received the following unsigned article late yesterday evening, and as we have had no time to go into the merits or demerits of the scheme, we are, nevertheless, reproducing the article below, but it must not be taken that we necessarily concur with the views therein expressed.

From an enquiry made by Messrs. R. C. H. Lim and Chan Wai Chuen it is learnt that there is a daily circulation of about 100,000 one cent papers, of which 40,000 are being sold in the morning and 60,000 in the evening. Of these 100,000 papers sold daily, 60,000 are being sold by young boys. Assuming that each boy can sell 100 papers per day there are about 600 boys selling papers every day. From the assumption, we also see that each boy can sell \$1.00 worth of papers, out of which he earns about 30-40 cents. These newspaper boys are not licensed to hawk. They sell papers at the risk of being caught by the police.

These boys come from very poor families and are generally uneducated. They are sometimes a real nuisance—their shrill voices proclaiming their wares and their persistent offer to sell them to everybody, are certainly very annoying to the public. But yet they go on doing their work and the fact that they are able to sell this large quantity, calls for recognition of their services.

NUISANCE CAN BE STOPPED

Under proper control and management the nuisance they create can be stopped and the service they render to the public, can be made use of more than it is now, while their earnings of about 30-40 cents per day each will be a good means of subsistence.

The Newspaper Boys' Club hope to be able to be of use to the public and to them. Will those who are in sympathy with the aims of the Club and wish to contribute to its funds, please send their contributions to Mr. H. S. Mok, the Hon. Treasurer, c/o Chinese Club, or to Mr. R. C. H. Lim, Prince's Building. It is learnt that the Club has already received \$25 from Mr. C. I. Church and \$10 from Mr. Chiu Kam to as contributions.

"THE CRUSADES"

The most spectacular production by the world's greatest maker of spectacles, Cecil B. DeMille's "The Crusades," is now showing at the Star Theatre.

DeMille, who made "The Ten Commandments," "The King of Kings," "The Sign of the Cross," "Cleopatra" and other great screen spectacles, has outdone even himself in this newest film. This virile story of the attempt to recapture the Holy Land from the Saracens is filmed on an overwhelming scale, with a cast of thousands and backgrounds that set a new standard even for Hollywood.

**LOCAL RIFLE
ASSOCIATION**

**LORD COTESLOE
ACCEPTS LIFE
MEMBERSHIP**

**Council Meeting
Held**

A Meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Rifle Association was held on Tuesday last in the Board-Room of the South China Morning Post, when the following were present:—

Messrs. C. A. Grimes (Vice-President), W. Austin, R. H. Woodman, W. R. Scott, and W. R. Chester-Woods; Lieutenants E. C. Parker-Jervis, J. R. Johnson, J. D. Pattullo; 2/Lt. L. B. Holmes, Captain L. D. Caffyn, R.M., Lt. A. C. Beryn, R.N., Mr. T. G. Stokes, Honorary Treasurer, and Major D. H. Steers, R.E. (Honorary Secretary). In the absence of the President, Lt.-Colonel H. S. Murrow, D.S.O. owing to indisposition, the chair was taken by Mr. C. A. Grimes, Vice-President.

A MONTHLY MAGAZINE. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the Council approved the applications for affiliation to the Association from two Rifle Clubs, and also sixty-eight applications for individual full membership.

The Conditions of Shooting for the Inter-Affiliated Club Competition for the Bellis Shield were decided, and are being circulated to the Clubs concerned.

The publication of the Association's monthly magazine, the "H.K.R.A. Bulletin," was unanimously approved, and the first issue will be published at the end of the present week.

A letter was read from the National Rifle Association, stating that 250 copies of the "N.R.A. Journal" were being sent out to the Association, free of charge, and that this particular issue contained a special article on the Hong Kong Rifle Association; it was decided that these copies should be distributed to all individual full members.

FIRE WITH MARTINI-HENRY

A letter was read from Lord Cotesloe, Chairman of the National Rifle Association, accepting the invitation of the Council of the H.K.R.A. that he should become the first Honorary Life Member of the Association, in which his Lordship says, "Perhaps I may mention that on the only occasion when I visited Hong Kong, which was in the spring of 1892, I spent a fortnight there as the guest of the Governor, who took me over the Hong Kong Rifle Meeting held at Kowloon, where I fired with a Martini-Henry rifle in one of the competitions. That is now a long time ago!"

Acceptances were also received from the Secretary of the N.R.A., Major C. E. Etches, C.B., O.B.E., Commander Sir Lionel Fletcher, C.B.E., R.N.R., a member of the Council of the N.R.A., and Captain E. H. Robinson, G.M. Editor of the "N.R.A. Journal."

IN LINE WITH N.R.A.

After considerable discussion and deliberation, it was decided that the Colony would not compete for the Interport Trophy this year, and the Honorary Secretary was instructed to continue the correspondence which had already taken

TO-DAY ONLY **KING'S** **AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 & 9.30 P.M.**

TUTTA ROLF
Glamorous new screen sensation co-starred with
CLIVE BROOK
"DRESSED TO THRILL"

A FOX PICTURE

SAT. STAN LAUREL—OLIVER HARDY in "BONNIE SCOTLAND" **M.G.M. PICTURE**

TO-DAY & TO-MORROW **MAJESTIC THEATRE** **At 2.30, 5.20, 7.20 & 9.20 P.M.**

Carl Laemmle presents
TRANSIENT LADY
with
GENE RAYMOND
HENRY HULL
FRANCES DRAKE
"LOVE HED THEN APART"

SUNDAY: "MURDER IN THE FLEET"

**ALEKHINE BEHIND IN
CHESS BATTLE**

Amsterdam, Dec. 4. Alekhine resigned from the 26th game of the World Championship Chess match. Euwe thus increasing his lead to two full points. The score now reads: Euwe 14 points, Alekhine 12. The winner of the contest and the World Championship will be the first to secure 15 1/2 points.

place with Shanghai and Singapore regarding the possible revision of the existing rules, in order to bring them in line with the Regulations of the N.R.A.

The Honorary Secretary pointed out that the Rules of the Association required amplification as regards eligibility for affiliated and individual full membership; the necessary draft wording was approved by the Council and ordered to be added to the Rules.

The matter of special affiliation fees and subscriptions to be paid by members and ships of the Royal Navy, belonging to the China Fleet was then discussed. It was pointed out that many of the ships do not stay in the Colony for any fixed or lengthy period, and it was unanimously decided that the matter should be left in the hands of the Fleet Gunnery Officer, Captain Caffyn, R.N., and the Honorary Secretary, with full power to come to a decision in the matter.

The next matter brought forward was the cost of the Spoon and Practice Shoots held during each week and the means which had been taken to ensure that such shoots and practices did not become a financial liability to the Association.

1914 RIFLES EXPECTED

New Rules for Spoon Shoots were examined and details were unanimously approved. As was the contract entered into on behalf of the Association for the supply of silver spoons.

It was announced that the first consignment of "1914" rifles was expected to arrive in the Colony next week, when it is expected that shooting with the S.R. (b) class of rifle is likely to show not only a large increase in numbers, but that the scores will demonstrate the superlative accuracy of this weapon.

It was explained that a specimen of the proposed Association Medal was expected to arrive shortly, and it was agreed that the matter of approval of the design should be left in abeyance until its receipt.

The Honorary Secretary pointed out that at the meeting held on 30th July last, it was then stated that it was hoped that by the end of the present year the individual full membership would have risen to 200, and the affiliated membership to between three and four thousand; and that these figures, in each class, have already been exceeded, in spite of the absence at the present time, of certain potential recruiting sources which, at an earlier date, had not been foreseen.

STAR
SHOWING TO-DAY
At 2.30, 5.10, 7.20 & 9.30 P.M.

THE SCARLET MIDDLE AGES
IN FAR-FLUNG SPECTACLE!

Adolph Zukor presents
Cecil B. DeMille's
"THE CRUSADES"
A Paramount Picture with
LORETTA YOUNG
HENRY WILCOX
TAN KATH
KATHERINE DEMILLE
and a cast of 10,000

**PREMIER ATTRACTION
AT THE KING'S**

"Dressed To Thrill"
Impresses

From the publicity that has been given before the showing of "Dressed to Thrill" Tutta Rolf is said to be a glamorous new European screen sensation who is launching her film career in America. This is now amply confirmed if one would only see "Dressed To Thrill."

"Although I may not be able to express in words of all what those publicity men had said, all I can say after seeing the film, which began its season at the King's Theatre yesterday, that Miss Rolf is no mean aspirant."

Miss Rolf excels in "Dressed to Thrill" and comparing with such talented actor as Clive Brook, who has the other starring role, she is anything but "beaten."

"Dressed to Thrill" is a romantic drama, in which Mr. Brook and Miss Rolf are the lovers who love each other as the story begins, but they have to separate as Brook has to go away. Brook forgets his love, but Miss Rolf staunch in her love for her man catches him up; and there another romance begins. Here the "eternal triangle" comes in and how it all works out is a worthy climax to the picture. "Dressed to Thrill" is also musical and I am sure most of the film fans will like Miss Rolf's sweet voice and the picture generally.—A. R. M.



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CARLSON'S "SWEETNESS"

SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SANITARY INSPECTOR

Persecuting Stall-Holders For A Bribe?

The case was commenced before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday when Thomas Storey Clark, Second Class Sanitary Inspector, was summoned for having between May 1 and July 15 last, at Happy Valley, accepted from Yu Sap a bribe of \$81.

Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton is representing the defendant and Mr. W. J. Lockhart-Smith Asst. Crown Solicitor is for the prosecution.

In outlining the facts of the case Mr. Lockhart-Smith said:

"As a result of certain information which gravely implicated Sanitary Inspector Clark, enquiries were made at Lockhart Road Market which led to the institution of these proceedings.

May I say at once that this precaution is undertaken in no vindictive spirit—as is shown by the fact that an application was made for a summons and not for a warrant—but rather in fairness to the accused himself. The matter could be dealt with departmentally where less strictness would be permissible, but in accordance with the spirit of Sir Addison Russell's memorandum, which is regarded as a work of authority by the Colonial Office, it has been decided to leave the issue to a jury—that is to say if your Worship decides to commit.

HISTORY OF TROUBLE

Inspector Clark had the duty of supervising Lockhart Road Market from the 1st May to the 28th June this year, and lived in No. 125 Wong Nei Chong Road. Some time during the latter period, the offence which is the subject of this charge was committed. The witnesses are of a type which I am afraid your Worship is only too familiar and it is quite impossible to fix the exact date of the occurrence, but in my submission the date is not vital, the whole question being, did the accused during his time in charge of the Market accept a bribe of \$81?

The history of the trouble is as follows:—No sooner had Inspector Clark taken over his duties, then he commenced to harry the stall holders, especially those with beef, pork and fish stalls, by requesting them to cleanse their stalls at all sorts of unreasonable hours—usually between 8-10 a.m. when business was at its height. This conduct on the part of the Inspector occasioned a great loss of business.

At some period during the Inspector's term of duty at the Market—variously estimated from 2 weeks after his arrival to June or July—the stall holders got together and decided to get up a subscription for a present for the Inspector in the hope that he would abandon his persecution.

It was agreed that each of the 27 stalls should contribute \$3, each a total of \$81—and a stall holder named Li Yung, and another named Chan Fuk, approached the Sanitary Dept. Market Cooles, Ah Chuen, and asked him if he would take the money to the Inspector. The coole refused to have anything to do with it.

MONEY COLLECTED

Accordingly a young man, Au Shing, accompanied by Chan Fuk collected the \$81 from 17 stall holders and Li Yung the fish stall holder collected \$30 from 10 stalls, and handed the money to Au Shing. Shortly afterwards Au Shing gave the \$81 in the shape of one \$50 note, three \$10 notes and one silver dollar.

Next day Li Yung handed over the whole sum to Chan Fuk, who in turn gave it to Po Tong. There seems to have been some coyness about the actually handing over to the Inspector.

Finally Po Tong and another man, named Yu Lap, set off together for the Inspector's Quarters at Happy Valley. The witnesses don't remember the number, but the house was indicated by a signboard in Chinese. They went into the room and Po Tong produced the money and counted it on the table. Yu Lap picked it up and handed it to the accused saying "Here is a present for you, Inspector, to buy wine." The Inspector said "Thank you," and the stall holders left.

From that moment the annoyance by the accused ceased, and the Crown asks you to infer from

his past show that he aimed at a bribe, and that his subsequent conduct proves very clearly that he understood the object of the so-called "present."

Your Worship will remember that in a recent appeal the Full Court ruled that persons offering a bribe were to be regarded as accomplices of the person accepting it, and that consequently the Jury must be warned, in accordance with a practice so well settled as almost to amount to a rule of law, of the danger of accepting such evidence if uncorroborated. That does not apply to the preliminary proceedings. All I have to do is satisfy your Worship that there is a prima facie case to justify commitment and for that purpose accomplices are perfectly adequate witnesses. In addition there is, of course, the corroboration of the Sanitary Dept. coole.

THE EVIDENCE

The first witness called was Acting Inspector Eccleshall who said that from May 1, till July 15, 1935, Inspector Clark was the Inspector in charge of Lockhart Road Market. From May 1 till June 28, he occupied the Quarters at 125 Wong Nei Chong Road. Witness further stated that he knew nothing of the signboard in front of defendant's quarters.

Next to give evidence was Au Yung Shing, pork butcher at Lockhart Road Market. He said that his father owned the stall and he worked there. He could not say of any trouble between the stall holders in the Market and Inspector Clark as he was away in the country, but when he came back he was told of some collection that was to be made.

On the evening of his return he went along with Chan Fuk to collect money. It was in the middle of June or July. Witness said that he personally collected the money, \$81, from 17 stalls, and besides this he received from Li Yung \$30 making a total of \$111. He changed the money into bank notes, and handed this to Li Yung that same evening.

Li Yung another stall holder said that he had some difficulty with the Inspector, whom he remembered, took charge of the Market in June or July. Defendant used to come in at 8 or 9 o'clock in the morning and wanted them to clean up their stalls. This witness went on to say, was rather troublesome, as it was their busiest time. Previously no one had called on them to clean the stalls at these busy hours. Witness said that he cleaned his stall twice a day, first at 10 a.m. and later at 6 p.m. but he never cleaned his stall at the hours requested by the defendant and nothing happened.

Later the stall holders held a consultation, after which each agreed to subscribe \$3 to make a present to the defendant. Witness collected \$30 from ten fish stall holders and handed the money to Au Shing, later Au Shing gave him \$81 in notes, which he in turn handed to Chan Fuk. This money was handed to the Inspector, and from that time onwards there was no trouble about the cleansing of the stalls.

Chan Fuk, master of a pork stall said that he remembered the difficulties he had had with defendant, and in the main his evidence was corroborative.

In answer to questions by Mr. Brutton, witness said that defendant used to come to the Market 2 or 3 times a day, sometimes after 8 a.m. and sometimes after 9 a.m. When he came in the evening he would inspect the stall implements.

At this stage the hearing was adjourned till to-day.

AN INCOBBIGIBLE

Before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Central Magistracy yesterday, Li Yin, aged 25, was sentenced to one year's hard labour, and ordered to "place himself under police supervision," for two years when he was convicted on a charge of theft of a fountain pen, belonging to an old man, Li Wah, at Queen's Road Central.

Defendant, it was revealed had seven previous convictions against him most of which for larceny.

AROUND THE COURTS

RAW OPIUM

Arrested coming off the Kowloon-Canton express train yesterday with 13 tael of raw opium concealed in his shoes, Li On, 30, unemployed, was fined \$450, or three months' imprisonment, on his appearance before Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Revenue Officer H. Major appeared for the prosecution.

BANISHMENT SENTENCED

Appearing on remand before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday, Leung So, unemployed, was sentenced to one month's hard labour for having returned from banishment before the expiration of his term of ten years. It will be recalled that the defendant stated when he first appeared in Court that he had returned to find his son whom he had learnt was destitute in Hong-kong.

FORGED NOTES

Three men who are charged in connection with the possession of forged notes, made another appearance before Mr. Macfadyen at the Central Magistracy yesterday on remand. A date for hearing was applied for, and Friday noon was fixed.

The case will be continued at 2.15 p.m. on Monday, December 9.

Mr. E. H. Williams, the Assistant Attorney-General, appeared for the Crown, and applied for a date to be fixed for hearing.

FALSE PRETENCES

On a charge of obtaining \$150 by falsely pretending he had four vegetable plots for sale on the Castle Peak Road, Mui Lam, 23, unemployed, was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment, when he pleaded guilty before Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. The complainant was a woman, Tsui Heung, living at 100 Yu Chow Street. Detective Sergeant C. Goodwin prosecuted.

SLY BROTHEL

On complaint of the landlady, a raid was made on a sly brothel on the first floor of 111 Woosung Street last night. It was found to be patronised by Europeans.

The keeper, Yuen Fai, a man, was fined \$250, or six weeks in default, when he pleaded guilty before Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Police Court yesterday.

Sub-Inspector O'Connell prosecuted.

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SMUGGLING OF SILVER

Two Offenders
Mulcted

Appearing on remand before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday on charges of exporting 833 pounds of silver bullion from the Colony to Formosa on the steamer Fukin Maru on December 2, exporting 12,945 silver dollars and exporting manifested cargo, namely, six cases of fish and silver, one basket of fruit and silver and a package of silver. The Chung-kuen, a shop feld, was fined \$100, while Wong Kan-yuen, unemployed, was ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000 or, in default, to serve six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

His Worship also order the bullion to be confiscated.

Revenue Officer Grimmett prosecuted while both the defendants were represented by Mr. P. H. Sin.

MITIGATION PLEA

Mr. Sin at the outset of yesterday's sitting told the Magistrate he reaffirmed his clients' plea of "guilty" to the charges, but in mitigation of the offence, Mr. Sin stated that the second defendant was a merchant carrying on an import and export business with Formosa, and he exported the cases of fish and fruit. He was lured into the commission of the offence by the first defendant, who asked for the use of the goods. It was a sudden temptation on his part, and Mr. Sin asked that he be dealt with leniently, as the offence complain-

MORE PRISONERS IN GAOL

Extra Vote Of \$19,000
Asked For

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Votes totalling \$34,150 were subsequently passed by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council immediately after the Council Meeting.

Of this amount \$19,000 was for the Prisons Department, being for the subsistence of Prisoners; \$13,500 for Public Works Recurrent, Hong Kong Typhoon and Rainstorm damages; \$1,020 for the Medical Department being for repairs to the Disinfecting and Fumigating machine; \$400 for subsistence of prisoners in the Police Force; \$100 for Colonial Secretary's Office, incidental expenses and \$50 for the Supreme Court being fees to Counsel and Solicitors for Prisoners.

ed off was not a felony but a misdemeanour. As for the first defendant, Mr. Sin said it was his first offence, and as he stood to lose all the silver, a lenient view should be taken.

Revenue Officer Grimmett said the Superintendent of Imports and Exports took a serious view of the case of the second defendant. If the silver had got through, the defendant would have made at least twenty per cent profit, and it was a capital offence in China at the moment.

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NATIONALIZATION OF SILVER BECOMES LAW

Government Takes Action To Avert Undue Fluctuations Of Local Dollar

EXCHANGE FUND CREATED TO BUY OR SELL FOREIGN EXCHANGE

An Ordinance to make provision for the establishment and management of an Exchange Fund and to amend the law relating to Legal Tender in the Colony and to the notes issued by certain banks was rushed through all its stages yesterday at a meeting of the Legislative Council and became law.

After deliberations with the three principal British Banks in Hong Kong this decision was arrived at, and in effect the fund will take over the silver now held against the note issues of the banks in exchange for Certificates of Indebtedness of the Hong Kong Government, which will be redeemable at the option of the Colonial Treasurer. The Fund will also take over in exchange for Hong Kong currency all British dollars, Mexican dollars and Hong Kong subsidiary silver coin and silver bullion in the Colony whether in private hands or otherwise. The rate or rates at which the Exchange Fund will be prepared to buy or sell will not be published, and any profit or loss resulting from the operations of the Fund will be for the Government account.

HON. MR. ALABASTER RUSHES BILL THROUGH

In moving the first reading of the Currency Ordinance, 1935, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster said:

Sir,—With your consent I rise to move the suspension of so much of the Standing Orders of this Council as stands in the way of the introduction without previous notice, and of the passing through all its stages at this meeting, of the Currency Bill, copies of which are before members.

I think that Your Excellency would wish me, in introducing this Bill, to express the Government's appreciation of the quiet good sense of the community in the difficult currency and exchange position through which the Colony has been passing. It is hardly too much to say that if our exchange market was used only by the Hong Kong community, it might be possible to allow the currency to remain in the present anomalous position until conditions in other parts of the world became clearer, and it was possible to take a final decision about the future.

SPECULATORS OUTSIDE OF COLONY

But this is of course not the case. The exchange market of the Colony is open not only to those who have legitimate interests here, but also to any who may wish to make use of it. There is therefore a danger that the exchange value of the Hong Kong dollar may be subjected to wide fluctuations through the action of speculators and other interests outside the Colony, to the detriment of our own legitimate commercial and industrial interests.

After full discussion with the Heads of the three British note-issuing banks, it has been decided, with their concurrence, that action should be taken to avert this possibility and to enable the Government to restrict fluctuations in the exchange within such limits as may seem desirable from time to time.

METHOD PROPOSED

The method proposed to be adopted is set out in the first six clauses of the Bill before the Council. These have been discussed in detail with the Heads of the three banks, who fully concur in their provisions. It consists in the establishment of an Exchange Fund, which will have power to buy or to sell foreign exchange at rates which will be fixed by the Colonial Treasurer after consultation with an Advisory Committee, consisting of himself as Chairman, Mr. V. M. Grayburn, representing the three note-issuing banks, and Mr. N. E. Young of His Majesty's Treasury (for so long as his services are available). The Fund will take over the silver now held against the note issues of the banks in exchange for Certificates of Indebtedness of the Hong Kong Government, which will be redeemable at the option of the Colonial Treasurer. The Fund will also take over in exchange for Hong Kong currency all British dollars, Mexican dollars and Hong Kong subsidiary silver coin and silver bullion in the Colony whether in private hands or otherwise. The term "bullion" includes chopped silver coins but does not include manufactured silver ware, provision has been made for the holding of stocks by silvermiths under licence. The silver so nationalized may not be exported by its present holders. Any profit or loss arising

on its sale when the new system is fully established and it is possible to remove the embargo would be adventitious, and the Government has decided after full consideration that the only equitable course is to treat this silver in the same way as that held against the note issues and carry those profits or losses to the Exchange Fund.

RATES WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED

For the time being the Exchange Fund will be held in the form of foreign exchange or gold or silver, which the Treasurer is empowered to acquire by purchase or exchange. Further Certificates may be issued to the note-issuing banks in payment for any foreign exchange acquired from them by the Fund, and Certificates in their possession will be accepted by the Treasurer in payment for any foreign exchange sold to them by the Fund. It will thus be possible for the note circulation to be expanded or contracted as may prove desirable, against Certificates backed by the assets of the Exchange Fund and the responsibility of the Government. Bank notes will no longer be convertible into silver, and will be made full legal tender.

The rate or rates at which the Exchange Fund will be prepared to buy or to sell will not be published, and the accounts of the Fund will be audited under special arrangements to be approved by the Secretary of State. Any profit or loss resulting from the operations of the Fund will be for Government account.

The Bill then passed its second and third readings and became law being seconded by the Hon. Mr. Edwin Taylor.

An Ordinance to make provision for the establishment and management of an Exchange Fund and to amend the law relating to Legal Tender in the Colony and to the Notes issued by certain banks.

Be it enacted by the Governor of Hong Kong, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

1.—This Ordinance may be cited as the Currency Ordinance, 1935.

2.—In this Ordinance:—
"Foreign exchange" means all currencies other than Hong Kong currency and includes sterling and other Empire currencies.

"Note-issuing bank" means the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and the Mercantile Bank of India Limited.

"Bank notes lawfully issued" means Notes issued in the Colony by any of the note-issuing banks (a) before the commencement of this Ordinance in accordance with the provisions of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Ordinance, 1920, the Mercantile Bank Note Issue Ordinance, 1911 and 1920, or the Charter of Incorporation of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, or any Supplemental Charter of that bank, and (b) between the commencement of this Ordinance and the 13th day of July, 1936, in accordance with the above-mentioned provisions as modified by this Ordinance.

NOTES TO BE LEGAL TENDER

3.—As from the commencement of this Ordinance all bank notes

lawfully issued shall be legal tender in the Colony to any amount and any liability, whether incurred before or after the commencement of this Ordinance, to pay silver currency may be discharged in such note and in particular every bank note lawfully issued shall be deemed to be the currency of the Colony for the purpose of any promise to pay printed on any such note.

4.—Each note-issuing bank shall surrender to the Treasurer on demand all silver coin and silver bullion which it is required by the aforesaid Ordinances or Charters or otherwise immediately before such demand to deposit against its note issue.

CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS

5.—(1) The Treasurer is authorized to issue to note-issuing banks for the purposes laid down in this section certificates of indebtedness in the form in the Schedule.

(2) The Treasurer shall issue in exchange for silver coin and silver bullion surrendered in accordance with section 4 certificates to the face value of the notes covered by such silver.

(3) For the purpose of raising funds to pay for—

(i) Silver surrendered under section 7 of this Ordinance; and

(ii) foreign exchange or gold purchased in accordance with section 6, it shall be lawful for the Treasurer to issue further certificates to any note-issuing bank, and to require such bank to pay to him for the account of the exchange fund referred to in section 6 the face value of such further certificates;

(4) The Treasurer may apply the proceeds of sale of foreign exchange or gold for Hong Kong currency in accordance with sub-section (3) of section 8 to the redemption of certificates issued under sub-section (3) of this section.

(5) Nothing in this Ordinance shall empower any note-issuing bank to issue notes in excess of any maximum limit laid down in the Ordinances or Charters governing the issue of such Notes, and in issuing certificates under this section the Treasurer shall take into account such maximum limits.

EXCHANGE FUND

6.—(1) There shall be established a fund to be called "the Exchange Fund" which shall be under the control of the Treasurer and shall be used for the purpose of regulating the exchange value of the currency of Hong Kong. The control of the Treasurer shall be exercised in consultation with an Exchange Fund Advisory Committee of which the Treasurer shall be ex officio Chairman and of which the other members shall be appointed by the Governor.

(2) There shall be paid or transferred into this Fund all silver coins or silver bullion surrendered to the Treasurer under section 4 or under section 7 of this Ordinance. There shall be paid from the Fund the sums payable in respect of silver

surrendered under section 7 of this Ordinance.

(3) The Fund, or any part of it, may be held in Hong Kong currency or in any other currency or in gold or silver or may be invested by the Treasurer in securities approved by the Secretary of State; and the Treasurer may for the account of the Fund buy or sell such currency or gold or silver or securities accordingly. Any such purchases or sales of currency shall be for immediate delivery. The Treasurer may borrow for the account of the Fund either in Hong Kong or elsewhere on the security of any asset held by the Fund or of the general revenue of the Colony; provided that the aggregate amount of borrowings outstanding at any one time shall not exceed thirty million dollars or, if held in foreign exchange, the equivalent at the current rate of exchange.

COMPULSORY EXCHANGE

(4) The accounts of all transactions of the Fund shall be audited at such times and in such manner as the Secretary of State may from time to time direct.

7.—Every person holding, whether on his own account or on account of any other person any British Dollars, Mexican Dollars, Hong Kong subsidiary silver coin, or silver bullion exceeding in amount or value ten dollars other than the silver coin and silver bullion referred to in section 4 shall surrender the same within one month of the commencement of this Ordinance to the Treasurer, who shall pay for the coin in Hong Kong currency at its face value and for the bullion at the rate of one hundred and twenty eight cents per fine ounce.

8.—Every person who contravenes any provision of this Ordinance shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for any period not exceeding one year, to the forfeiture of the coins and bullion in question and to a fine not exceeding twice the value of such coins and bullion.

9.—Nothing in this Ordinance shall affect the holding of silver by any person under licence from the Treasurer and the Treasurer may by licence authorise any person to hold silver in quantities covered by the licence, which in the opinion of the Treasurer is reasonably necessary for such person's business.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

1.—The object of this Ordinance is to establish Government control of exchange in the Colony with a view to prevent undue fluctuations.

2.—Section 3 provides that lawfully issued bank Notes shall be full currency and legal tender to any amount.

3.—Section 4 provides for the surrender by the note-issuing banks of all silver coin and silver bullion which they have hitherto been required by law to deposit against their note issues.

4.—Section 5 provides for the issue by the Treasurer of certificates of indebtedness instead of silver as backing for bank notes. It also makes it clear that nothing in the Ordinance will empower any note-issuing bank to issue notes in excess of any maximum limit laid down in the Ordinances or Charters governing the issue of such notes.

5.—Section 6 provides for the establishment and management of an Exchange Fund.

6.—Section 7 provides that every person holding British dollars, Mexican dollars, Hong Kong subsidiary silver coin, or silver bullion exceeding in amount or value ten dollars (other than the silver coin and silver bullion referred to in section 4) shall surrender the same within one month to the Treasurer who will pay for the same in Hong Kong currency.

7.—Section 8 provides the penalties for contravention of the Ordinance.

8.—Section 9 saves the holding of silver under licence where the holding of such silver for business purposes is considered by the Treasurer reasonably necessary.

GOLD OUTPUT

The Hong Kong Stock Exchange have received a cable from Messrs. Derrick & Co. Local Secretaries in Singapore of the Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd. announcing the output for the four weeks ending thirtieth November to be 1699 ounces.

Legislative Council Meeting

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO THEIR MAJESTIES

At the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday, His Excellency Sir Thomas Southorn, officer administering the Government, moved a resolution expressing sympathy, in the name of the Colony, to Their Majesties on the death of Her Royal Highness, The Princess Victoria.

In support of the resolution, His Excellency said:

Honourable Members will have heard with profound regret of the death on December 3 of Her Royal Highness The Princess Victoria, beloved sister of His Majesty The King. I know that Honourable Members will desire to give expression to their loyal sympathy with Their Majesties The King and Queen and the Members of the Royal Family in their sorrow. I therefore move the following resolution:

"The Members of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong have learned with profound sorrow of the death of Her Royal Highness The Princess Victoria and desire to present their humble duty to His Majesty and to express their loyal and respectful sympathy with Their Majesties The King and Queen and the Members of the Royal Family in their bereavement."

The resolution was supported by Sir Henry Pollock, the Senior Unofficial Member, and the Hon. Dr. T'ao, the senior Chinese member.

OTHER MATTERS

Minutes of the meeting of November 18 were confirmed after which routine papers were tabled by the Hon. Mr. Tramman. The Report of the Finance Committee (No. 18) dated November 28 was also adopted.

Moved and seconded by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, and the Hon. Mr. D. W. Tramman respectively the following bills were read a second and third time and became law:

"A Bill to amend the Volunteer Ordinance, 1933."

"A Bill to amend the Probates Ordinance, 1897."

"A Bill to provide for the incorporation of the Hong Kong Travel Association."

"A Bill to amend the law relating to the custody of infants."

"A Bill to make better provision in this Colony for the granting by magistrates of separation and maintenance orders to married persons."

"A Bill to regulate the importation and the removal of sand."

"A Bill to further and protect the activities of The Girl Guides Association, and to incorporate the Hong Kong Branch thereof."

"A Bill to amend the Ferries Ordinance, 1917."

Moved and seconded by the Hon. Sir William Shenton and the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga respectively the following bill also became law when it passed its second and third reading:

"A Bill to provide for the incorporation of the Administrator in Hong Kong of the Catholic Mission of Macao."

THOSE PRESENT

Presiding at the meeting was His Excellency, The Officer Administering the Government, Sir Thomas Southorn; K.B.E., C.M.G.

Others present were:—
His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops, Major F. S. Thackeray, D.S.O., M.C., A.D.C.

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. D. W. Tramman, C.M.G.)

The Attorney General (Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E.)

Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith)

Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. Edwin Taylor)

Director of Public Works (Hon. Mr. R. M. Henderson)

Harbour Master and Director of Aerial Services (Comdr. G. F. Hold, R.N., Rtd.)

Director of Medical and Sanitary Services (Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington)

Inspector General of Police (Hon. Mr. T. H. King)

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Kt., C.B.

Hon. Sir William Shenton, Kt.

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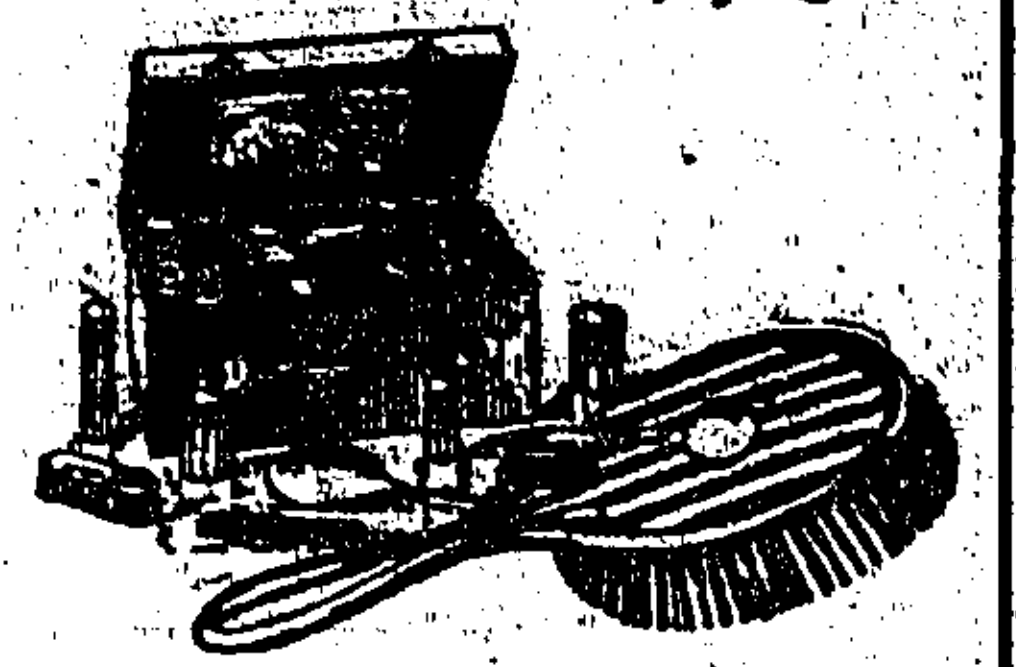
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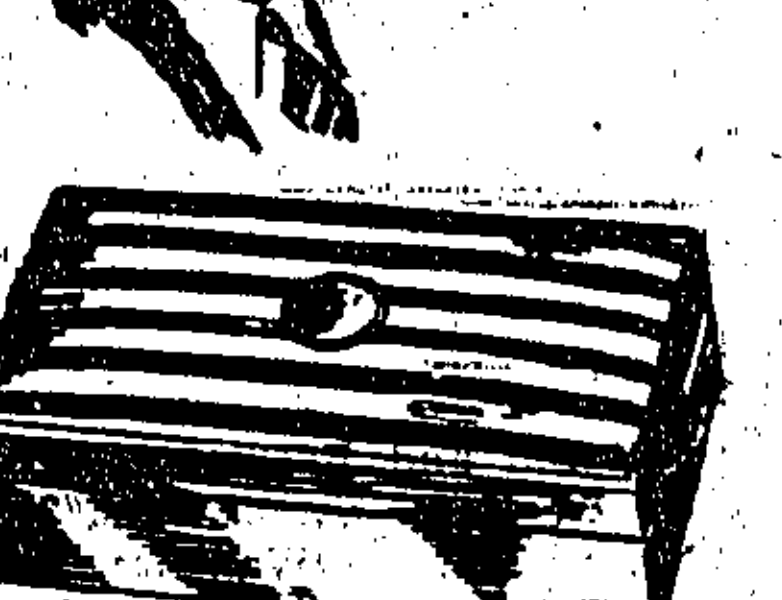
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AN ADDRESS OF WELCOME to His Excellency will be presented by the Honourable Sir Henry Pollock K.T., K.C., M.D., and the Honourable Sir Shouson Chow K.T., LL.D., on behalf of all residents of the Colony of Hong Kong.

SEATING ACCOMMODATION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL THOSE WHO DESIRE TO BE PRESENT.

Special provision has been made in case of wet weather.

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AUSTRALIA—INDIA CRICKET

Bombay, Dec. 5. Playing against the Australians, the Indian XI scored 163, Malra taking 5 for 50. The Australians had made 124 for 2 at the close, Morrisby 54 and Ryder 59, both not out.

Reuter.

DANZIG QUESTION AT HAGUE COURT

[Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press" (Copyright).]

Geneva, Dec. 4. The League Secretariat announces that the permanent Court of International Justice at the Hague gave its advisory opinion on Wednesday, on the question whether two legislative decrees issued by the Danzig Penal Code and penal procedure are consistent with the constitution of Danzig.

The question was decided in the negative, by nine votes to three, the Polish and Italian judges, with one other dissenting.

Transocean Kuo Min.

RADICALS' DEMANDS ACCEPTED

Paris, Dec. 4. Following an interview with M. Herriot, M. Pierre Laval, the French Prime Minister has accepted all the Radical Socialists' demand. Government supporters are consequently more optimistic regarding M. Laval's prospects of success in the debate in the Chamber of Deputies to-morrow.

Reuter.

FAILURE TO AGREE

Paris, Dec. 4. The Radical Party met again today, but failed to reach an agreement with regard to its attitude towards the Government when the Chamber debate on political leagues is resumed to-morrow.

Reuter.

CANTON-HANOI AIRLINE TEST FLIGHT

Douglas Dolphin Carries Out Round Trip

Canton, Dec. 5. The first flight linking China National Aviation Corporation's Shanghai-Canton airline with Air France's Paris-Indo-China airway was successfully concluded over the week-end with the accomplishment of a round trip between Canton and Hanoi by a Douglas Dolphin hydroplane piloted by Captain E. M. Allison of China National Aviation Corporation. Captain Allison took off on the Douglas from Canton on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock and after an uneventful flight marked by a brief halt at Kwangchow, French leased territory, landed on the lake at Hanoi at 4 o'clock. Accompanied by Colonel Glazie, a director of Air France, Captain Allison and his co-pilot returned to Canton on Sunday leaving Hanoi at 10 in the morning and reaching Canton at 5 p.m. The trio boarded the regular C. N. A. C. Shanghai-bound yesterday morning and arrived there in the afternoon. Colonel Glazie expressed himself as completely satisfied with the test flight. Inauguration of the

air link will be made in a few weeks.

Union News.

AWAITING PERMISSION

Shanghai, Dec. 5. Objections from South-western authorities on C. N. A. C.'s participation in the Canton-Hanoi service are not likely to affect the opening of the line, it was learned today.

All that is necessary, it was stated, was permission from the Ministry of Communications to actually open up the service and this permission is expected in time to start the line by the end of January.

Air France at present makes one trip weekly from Hanoi to Europe, planes leaving Hanoi on Fridays C. N. A. C. makes semi-weekly trips to Canton, planes leaving Shanghai on Tuesdays and Fridays. Both services may be augmented and linked together when the through service starts.

The approximate fare of a through trip from Shanghai to London will be \$1,250. National currency.

Union News.

R. A. F. FLIGHT TO JAPAN

Machines To Call At Hong Kong

London, Dec. 4. The Air Ministry announces today that with the permission of the Japanese Government arrangements are being made for a squadron of the Royal Air Force to fly from Singapore to Japan shortly. This will be the first visit of a foreign air force squadron to Japan.

The cruise will be undertaken by Squadron No. 205, of Short "Singapore" flying boats. It will commence in mid-February and will be completed the second week in March. The distance of the round-trip flight is about 7,000 miles.

Bound for Japan, the planes will follow a route which will take them to Hong Kong. Their itinerary is as follows: From Singapore they will make their first leg to Kuching, hop to Kudat, Manila, Hong Kong, Amoy, Shanghai, Kagoshima and Tokyo in turn. Their ultimate destination will be Takayama or some other place approved by the Japanese Government.

The squadron will remain in Japanese about a week and on its return flight will follow the same route as far as Hong Kong. From there the flying boats will travel via Kiamarash Bay, Cochinchina, to Singapore.

Air Commodore S. W. Smith, officer commanding the Air Force in the Far East, will accompany the squadron. Three flying boats will be employed in the flight, and will carry a total crew of 25 officers and airmen.

Facilities are being sought from the Governments concerned to enable the squadron to fly over their ports and territories.

Reuter.

type of diversion which tends to make the lot of the invaders one of no little difficulty. The foregoing is a fair summary of the situation so far, and the latest news to hand yesterday morning indicates that a pitched battle is imminent. It is said that a strong Ethiopian force, including units of the Emperor's own army, is marching towards Makale, and has already come within sight of the Italian advance posts. The defenders, it is asserted, are well armed with rifles and machine-guns, and that they have with them artillery of a modern type.

That the Italians are just as eager to come to grips with the enemies may be gleaned from an official communique which says that Italian forces are elated at the prospect of coming to a showdown with their opponents who have fought a guerrilla campaign hitherto. The Italians are also confident that they can crush completely any offensive which the Abyssinians attempt, and that a pitched battle would materially assist them in their campaign.

DISCUSSION AT WASHINGTON

Trans-Atlantic Air Service

London, Dec. 5. Conversations regarding the possible establishment before long of a trans-Atlantic airline will begin today in Washington between the representatives of the British, Irish Free State, Canadian and United States Governments.

The British mission is headed by Sir Donald Banks, Director-General of the Post Office, and Colonel Sheldrake, Director-General of Civil Aviation.

An agreement regarding a possible air service over the northern route has been already reached between Britain, Canada, Newfoundland and the Irish Free State.

Questions of some complexity are involved in the Washington talks, but the airmen on both sides of the Atlantic are convinced that trans-Atlantic services could be maintained and that the assistance of the governments is alone required.

British Wireless.

POST OFFICE PLANS

Washington, Dec. 4. Mr. James A. Farley, Postmaster-General of the United States, announced today that he would request funds for the initiation of a trans-Atlantic air mail service at the forthcoming session of Congress.

Experimental flights will be started next summer and a regular service will probably be in operation by 1937.

The air mail contract would go to an American company, said Mr. Farley, but in view of the necessity of foreign landing grounds arrangements would be made, in all probability, for the joint operation of the service by two companies, one of them American and the other a foreign concern.

Reuter.

TYPHOON WARNING

The Manila Observatory reported by telegram at 3.30 p.m. yesterday: Typhoon in about 137 degrees Long. E. 15 degrees Lat. N., moving N.W.

The Hong Kong Observatory afternoon report stated that the typhoon was situated about 350 miles to the north of Yap, moving N.W.

British Wireless.

FUNERAL OF THE PRINCESS

London, Dec. 5. The King of Norway left Oslo yesterday to attend the funeral of Princess Victoria at Windsor on Saturday. The Queen of Norway, sister of the Princess, is already in England. The King of Denmark is also coming to England to attend the funeral.

British Wireless.

NEWS SUMMARY

The Hong Kong Association has announced that teams have been selected for the first Civilian Trial in preparation for the annual Combined Services v. Civilians hockey match. The trial will be held on Sunday on the Club ground, King's Park, bully-off at 3 p.m.

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Judgment for defendants was given by the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Lindsell in the action brought by Capt. A. H. Brown, master mariner, claiming \$1,000, in lieu of three months' salary, from the Yuen On Steamship Co., Ltd.

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Further evidence was called for the defence of Messrs. Bodiker & Co. at the Supreme Court yesterday in the case in which they are being sued for \$58,500 by the Yung Wah Co., of Canton, for alleged wrongful conversion.

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An Ordinance to make provision for the establishment and management of an Exchange Fund and to amend the law relating to Legal Tender in the Colony was rushed through all its stages at a meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday and became law. Nine other bills were also passed by the same meeting.

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The committal proceedings brought against two unemployed men who were charged with the illegal possession of moulds for the manufacture of counterfeit coins were concluded at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when they were committed to stand their trial at the next Criminal Sessions by Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones.

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R. Menzel and Hecht, the Czechoslovakian Davis Cup tennis players gave a delightful exhibition of tennis yesterday at the H.K.C.C. grounds which was attended by a large and enthusiastic gathering of spectators. The exhibition ended in Menzel and Hecht sharing a set each, the contest being featured by hard hitting and accurate volleying.

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Committal proceedings were commenced at the Central Magistracy yesterday when T. S. Clark, Sanitary Inspector was summoned before Mr. W. Schofield to answer a charge of having between May 1 and July 15 last, accepted a bribe of \$81.

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DEBATE IN THE COMMONS

Foreign Secretary To Speak

London, Dec. 5. In the speech which the Foreign Secretary will make in the Commons today when the debate in reply to the address from the Throne is continued, it is anticipated he will deal with the present aspects of the Italian-Abyssinian dispute the situation in the Far East and other current international problems.

Interest in the speech is increased by the knowledge that at the week-end he and M. Laval will discuss in Paris the situation in regard to the first-named matter. The Minister for League Affairs, Mr. Anthony Eden will also take part in the debate.

At the moment many rumours are current as to the Paris discussions proceeding between the British and French experts for the purpose of co-ordinating ideas as to what would constitute a reasonable basis for ultimate settlement. In view of these rumours it seems necessary to emphasise that the discussions are still continuing and that although it is understood progress has been made nothing in the nature of a complete plan has as yet been evolved.

In regard to the forthcoming meeting of the League Committee of Eighteen which is to consider the extension of the list of goods under the embargo to include oil and other key commodities, the attitude of the British Government is that they are, as they always have been, prepared to take their share in any collective action which may be decided upon by the state members of the League.

British Wireless.

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A DECADE AGO AND NOW

By C. L. C.

(Continued from Wednesday)

Chungshan Road in Amoy, as it is the same in other Chinese cities, is a wide asphalt thoroughfare, with big department stores on both sides. The time has long gone when one had to replenish one's cupboard or wardrobe from either Shanghai or Hong Kong. In these stores there are varieties of imported goods and some of them compare quite favourably with Sincere's or Wing On's.

There is no tram line laid, but there is a fleet of well-organized buses linking the city with the suburbs. Taxis also ply for hire and there are many garages hiring out cars at the rate of \$3 or \$4 per hour.

In addition to Chungshan Road, there are other streets which are just as wide and just as well kept. In fact the narrow lanes which were once the thoroughfares of this city have gone. The entire town has been rebuilt; old and tumbledown houses have been demolished and in their places, up-to-date tenements of reinforced concrete have sprung up. And rental there is cheap.

I now turn to the amenities of life in Amoy. One can live in this city just as comfortably and safely as elsewhere, and if life is to be lived to the full, there should be no dull moment for anyone in Amoy. It is true that the Formosan community there is no pleasant neighbour, still there are ways of avoiding contact with any of them. On this subject, more anon.

In Chungshan Park alone a very pleasant time could be spent there on an afternoon in the autumn season or at night during the more sultry months. Before I go on to describe this park, it must not be supposed that it is anything like our Botanical Gardens. Chungshan Park is about six times larger than our only garden. It has three football grounds, numerous tennis courts and grounds for basketball and other games. There are many artificial caves, lakes, and other nooks and corners where one could sit quietly to take in the surrounding beauty of the park. Good fishing may also be had at the pond and lakes. Refreshment kiosks are plentiful, and one may select a nice quiet corner under a shady tree to have one's soft drink or a light meal.

Away from the park, there are nice motor roads where one can drive for miles and miles along beautiful scenery, and for the hikers, there are many rugged hills.

Over in Kulangsu there are many nice beaches for bathing, and although no bathing huts have been erected as in Hong

Kong, that should not deprive anyone from the enjoyment of a cold swim, as houses are conveniently situated near the sea front.

There is a first class cabaret—The Butterfly, managed by Formosan interest, but the management very wisely keeps away from the establishment, and allows no admission to the rowdy elements. There are a chain of more than three hundred cafes, and in all of them, pretty Formosan damsels are employed to wait on customers. They are courteous and graceful and their pretty coloured dresses make the places more pleasant. Then there is the Rotary Club, the International Club (on the same principles as the Rotary), and other associations in which one could become a member and enjoy all the privileges accorded. Over in Kulangsu there are excellent turf courts for tennis; on which cricket is also played.

Indeed, Amoy is a pleasant place in which to live, and the only irritation, to put it mildly, comes from the Formosans. The population of this national numbers about 10,000, but practically whole of the business in Amoy, big and small, are in their hands. Big tea merchants, firms and industrial concerns with capitals running into millions are owned and operated by Formosans, and as such they are registered with the Japanese Consulate. That is all to the good, where Amoy is concerned, and if the truth must be told, without Formosans directing the commerce of this city, Amoy would not be as prosperous as she is to-day. But the bane of one's existence in Amoy also comes from the Formosans—the rowdy elements.

They claim dual nationality. When they are not in trouble they are Chinese. And once they fall foul of the law, they are Japanese citizens, and as such the Chinese authorities are powerless to deal with them. It is men of this class who run all the gambling houses, opium dens, and other disreputable businesses, and although the Chinese Bureau of Public Safety has been trying its best to suppress such haunts, it has met with no success, because whenever an arrest was made, the Japanese Consular Authorities would intervene, and the culprits let off.

Gun fights in the street between these Romans and Chinese police do take place sometime, and if driven too far, they will even raid a police station to rescue a comrade. And the Chinese authorities are now acting very circumspectly, with the result that rowdism has very much diminished.

RICKETT ON THE MOVE AGAIN

[Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press" (Copyright).]

Paris, Dec. 4. The English born financier, Rickett, who was reported as a representative of American oil interests and who gained considerable publicity some months ago by obtaining an oil concession in Abyssinia, arrived here on Wednesday from London in a special American aeroplane, and after one hour's stay, took off again for Rome. It is understood Rickett intends to proceed to Abyssinia via Rome and Cairo.

Transocean Kuo Min.

FLOOD RELIEF WORK IN CHINA

Nanking, Dec. 4.

The National Famine Relief Commission appropriated \$50,000 to-day for the flood relief work in 13 affected provinces. They are: Hupei, Shantung, Kiangsu, Kiangsi, Hunan, Anhwei, Honan, and Shensi, which receive \$5,000 each, and Fukien, Kwangtung, Chahar, Ninghsia and Hopei, which receive \$2,000 each.

Central News Agency.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

The Poppy Day Fund has now reached a total of \$11,834.43 which includes the latest donation of \$18.30 from H.M.S. Lowestoft.

A Congregation for the conferring of degrees is to be held at the Hong Kong University on Monday, January 6, at 5 p.m.

The following cases of notifiable disease were reported to the Health Authorities on Dec. 4:—Diphtheria, two; enteric fever three; paratyphoid fever one.

Dr. L. S. Shin delivered his first course of "First Aid" lectures (for women only) at the Headquarters of the St. John Ambulance Brigade last night. A large number of Chinese nurses and friends were present to listen to the lecture, which was delivered in Chinese, and at the conclusion, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker.

The Hong Kong Teachers' Association held their monthly meeting yesterday at the Garrison School, when Mr. Luard gave a very interesting discourse on the methods of teaching to the ladies teachers.

BAN ON OIL EXPORTS TO ITALY: "CANADIAN PROPOSAL" AT GENEVA

League Circles Dispel
Wrong InferenceNO "DISAVOWAL" BY
CANADACommittee's Deliberations
Not Affected

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Geneva, December 5.

Following reports from Rome and Paris maintaining that in view of the Canadian Government's "disavowal" of its Geneva representative—who some weeks ago formally proposed the extension of embargo on exports to Italy of oil and other key products—doubts had arisen concerning the advisability of holding a meeting of the Committee of Eighteen scheduled for December 12, informed League circles point out that these reports are based on false premises.

It is stressed that when the possibility of extending the ban to oil was first broached within the committee, the Canadian delegate who was a member of the Committee, undertook to draw up a tentative text of the proposal which was approved by the Committee and thereafter referred to as "Canadian proposal."

The Canadian delegate formulated the proposal merely in order to do his share in furthering the questions under discussion. He never meant to convey the impression, nor did the impression ever prevail, that he had taken the initiative on behalf of his Government. It is therefore held here that it is erroneous to speak of "disavowal" by the Canadian Government since the latter merely corrected the inaccuracies by stating the real facts of the case.

Inferences drawn in Rome and Paris that the Canadian proposal became ineffective through the Canadian Government's "disavowal" and that the Committee as thus deprived of a basis for action, are stated to be unjustified since the Committee already had been actively engaged in considering the question of an oil embargo on the basis of the suggestions made at previous meetings.—*Transocean Kuo Min.*

ITALY'S OIL RESERVES

Rome, Dec. 5.

The Italian authorities declare that for the time being only the civil population will be affected by the oil embargo should this measure be decided on by the Committee of Eighteen at the next session.

The Army, Fleet and Air Force, it is affirmed, are now provided with such extensive reserves that Italy both at home and in the colonies could withstand the embargo for a considerable time, though exactly how long it is not stated.

This fact alone, say the authorities, proves the inaccuracy of the United States' reports that Italy has granted the Standard Oil Company a monopoly.

The customary new year's receptions of the Diplomatic Corps and State officials at the Italian Court have been cancelled for 1936 according to an official announcement. It is felt that in the present situation caused by Italy's counter-measures against sanctions such elaborate functions are not appropriate and will offend popular sentiment.—*Transocean Kuo Min.*

TALK OF PEACE

Paris, Dec. 4.

There is talk of peace in the air. Best informed quarters assert that while nothing definite in the way of a compromise by the Italian Government has been disclosed, the atmosphere is nevertheless more favourable than for a long time.

There is every reason to suppose that when M. Pierre Laval, the French Prime Minister, and Sir Samuel Hoare, the British Foreign Minister, meet on Saturday they will be in possession of sufficient information to continue useful conversations.

It is authoritatively reported that an exchange of territories between Italy and Ethiopia, with Ethiopia being given an outlet to the sea, has been mentioned in high places as the possible means of solving the Italo-Ethiopian problem.

Simultaneous suspension of hostilities and anti-Italian sanctions would be regarded as an essential preliminary to any real peace discussions. However, there is hope that progress towards peace will be marked during the next few days.—*Reuter.*

JOINT DISCUSSION

Rome, Dec. 4.

Reports that Sir Samuel Hoare of Britain and M. Pierre Laval of France will discuss compromise

proposals for the solution of the Italo-Ethiopian conflict during a Saturday meeting in Paris, have been received with interest here.

It is believed that Signor Mussolini, the Italian Prime Minister, has undoubtedly made known Italy's minimum demands for a peaceful settlement, but only to the French and British leaders and in a very guarded and secret way.

There is much speculation as to what M. Ducloux is demanding, but so far it is mostly guesswork.—*Reuter.*

DRAFT PLAN

Paris, Dec. 4.

A rough outline of the suggestions of France and Britain for what they consider might form the basis for the settlement of the Italo-Ethiopian war, have been passed on to Signor V. Cerruti, the Italian Ambassador, according to well-informed sources.

The object of the suggestions was to elicit from Italy some indication of that country's point of view, in time for consideration at the meeting on Saturday between M. Pierre Laval and Sir Samuel Hoare.

ROME FESSIMISTIC

But although M. Laval has reportedly emphasised that these suggestions are the last that can be made before the meeting of the League to consider an oil embargo against Italy, Rome reports are pessimistic. There is little chance of a favourable reply, it is feared.

It is believed the Anglo-French suggestions followed the main lines of previous conversations, including the Italian cession of the port of Assab to Ethiopia together with a strip of territory on which a railway from Addis Ababa to Assab could be built. This building would be superintended by the League. Ethiopia, in return, would cede the whole of Ogaden to Italy and permit important rectifications in the Tigre and Harrar fronts. Aksum and Adowa would be returned to Ethiopia.

With regard to Ethiopia proper, it is believed that the proposals of the Committee of Fifteen at Geneva will be repeated.—*Reuter.*

IMPORTANCE OF THE
LEAGUE

General Smuts Speaks

London, Dec. 5.

The importance to the smaller nations of the League of Nations was emphasised by General Smuts in a speech at Pretoria yesterday. He said the Governments of the Union of South Africa continued to support the League not because of any hatred towards any nation but because they were realising the power of the League to protect the small nations. This realisation, in view of South African history, was one of the reasons why the Union had been one of the most faithful supporters of the League.—*British Wireless.*

HAMPERING THE
RED CROSSMuddling By The
Ethiopians

Aden, December 5.

Efforts of the Anglo-Egyptian Red Cross volunteers to alleviate the sufferings of the Ethiopian wounded are seriously being hampered by muddling on the part of the authorities in Addis Ababa according to reliable reports received here.

For example, the British Red Cross unit which has just arrived at Berbera equipped with lorries for service on the southern front where the ground is comparatively level has been ordered to Addis Ababa for service in the mountainous north front which is impracticable for motor transport, while the Egyptian unit which is supplied with mule transport for use on the north front is to be used in the south where animals are very likely to die of disease.

Some circles assert that the Ethiopians see no great need for Red Cross help and suspect that the foreign volunteers may be spies.—*Reuter.*

ATTACK LAUNCHED

Djibouti, Dec. 5.

The Abyssinians are reported to have launched an attack on the Italian lines at Seelikut, southward of Makale, on Tuesday night.

Heavy fighting is reported and the Italians claim to have repulsed the attackers.—*Reuter.*

TROOPS ON MARCH

Asmara, Dec. 4.

A strong Ethiopian force, including units of the Emperor's own army, is marching towards Makale. It has already come within sight of the Italian advance posts.

It is stated that the Ethiopians are well armed with rifles and machine-guns, and that they have with them, artillery of a modern type.

It is believed an Ethiopian offensive on a large scale is imminent.—*Reuter.*

RECAPTURE OF TOWNS

Addis Ababa, Dec. 4.

The recapture of Goralah and Gerlogubi by the Abyssinian forces was once more announced here on Wednesday, on the strength of private reports from the southern front. The reports however, still lack official confirmation.—*Transocean Kuo Min.*

SILVER MARKET

(From Our Own Correspondent)

London, Dec. 5.

London Silver prices to-day were unchanged as follows:—

	Dec. 4	Dec. 5.
Spot	28-3/16	29-3/16
Forward	28-13/16	28-13/16

AIR NAVIGATION BILL
IN BRITAIN

London, Dec. 5.

In the new Air Navigation Bill shortly to be introduced in the House of Commons, powers would be given to the Air Ministry to make long-term subsidy agreements with transport undertakings. The subsidies may amount to £1,500,000 a year and may be included in agreements which will extend to the year 1953.—*British Wireless.*

BRITAIN'S ROAD TOLL

London, Dec. 5.

Road accident figures for Britain during last week were 140 killed and 4,021 injured, compared with 164 killed and 4,203 injured in the preceding week.

In the Metropolitan district the figures were 16 killed and 1,111 injured, compared with 26 killed and 1,128 injured the previous week.—*British Wireless.*

JAPANESE SMUGGLERS
ARRESTED

Shanghai, Dec. 5.

Nine Japanese who boarded the Japan-bound Nagasaki Maru to-day were arrested by the Japanese Consular Police on charges of attempting to smuggle silver from Shanghai.—*Reuter.*

PLANES OVER
PEIPINGFurther Japanese
Demonstrations

Peiping, Dec. 5.

This afternoon, one Japanese military plane circled over the city for a considerable time and then left in the north-westerly direction.

At 2.20 p.m. five Japanese planes again flew over Peiping in formation and once more circled around the city apparently for reconnaissance purposes. The planes then disappeared in an easterly direction.

Twenty minutes later, nine Japanese planes again appeared over the city, flying in formation. After circling over the city for a considerable time the planes flew to the south-west.

All the planes were of silver-grey colour with "Red Sun" spots under the wings.—*Central News Agency.*

LEAFLETS DROPPED

Peiping, Dec. 5.

Fourteen Japanese planes as well as an East Hoptel autonomous plane from the capital to-day of "East Hoptel" which is a former Japanese plane piloted by a Japanese, flew over at 1 p.m., dropping thousands of leaflets calling for support of the autonomous scheme and offering congratulations to the East Hoptel Council on their inauguration.

Then at 2.30 p.m. five planes in formation roared low over the city, followed at 3.40 p.m. by nine planes in formation.

The origin of the planes is not known but as they came from the north, probably they were from Jehol.—*Reuter.*

IN TIENSIN

Tientsin, Dec. 5.

A Japanese plane reportedly belonging to East Hoptel circled over the city and dropped leaflets urging the people to rise up and support autonomy.—*Reuter.*

NORTH CHINA
SITUATION

London Reactions

London, Dec. 5.

The Commoners of the China Committee meet to-day to consider the North China situation, but the members are disposed to deprecate anything like a fusillade of questions at present in view of the delicacy of the situation.

Nevertheless, a strong desire is evinced that the Government will not shrink from its responsibilities considering the magnitude of British interests and the new evidence of political stability in Central and South China.

Despite rival interests, the newspapers give prominence to Chinese news, though editorial comment is scanty. In contrast to the Manchurian crisis when many felt that Japan had a case, sympathy is now overwhelmingly for the Chinese.

Many experienced observers, however, believe that the Japanese will eventually accept a compromise since it is impossible for them to control and administer the vast area of the five northern provinces unless the Chinese co-operate.

The Government is expected to make a statement on the general Far Eastern position this afternoon.—*Reuter.*

JAPAN REFUTES REPORT
FROM LONDON

Tokyo, Dec. 5.

Navy circles authoritatively state that the Japanese Government never considered the question of abolition of submarines or the conclusion of a Pacific non-aggression pact. The suggestions contained in the report from London, that the Japanese delegation at the Naval Conference would favour either of these projects indicate their attitude has been misinterpreted in certain quarters.—*Reuter.*

JAPAN'S RELATIONS
WITH CHINARenewed Suspicion Of
British Motives

Shanghai, December 5.

Japanese suspicion, which has been obvious for some weeks, that Great Britain is responsible for at least a part of China's indifference to Japan's efforts to bring about a rapprochement was, according to a Tokyo report, reflected anew in comment made by Mr. Eiji Amano, the Foreign Office spokesman, who said he was voicing his personal impression, on statements allegedly made at Tientsin by Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, head of the British economic mission to China.

Sir Frederick, declared the spokesman, gives the impression, though he denies it, that he is back of a certain Chinese group. This group, he later made clear, is the so-called Chekiang financial clique, generally regarded as the mainstay of the Nanking Government, whose most active participants in the Government, Mr. T. V. Soong and Finance Minister H. H. Kung, engineered the recent reorganization of China's central banking institutions, the currency reforms and the nationalization of silver, which Sir Frederick reportedly recommended and upon which the Japanese Government looks with disfavour.

The movements of the British economic adviser are different from his utterances, continued the spokesman, and thus his movements create great suspicion.

This is not the time to criticise the movement of the people in North China for autonomy, and such criticism will only aggravate the situation.

If Sir Frederick thinks he can smoothen the situation by talking against autonomy, he is likely to find that he has made a mistake.—*Union News.*

DEPARTURE POSTPONED

Peiping, Dec. 5.

Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, who originally intended to leave for Shanghai to-day, postponed his departure at the last minute.—*Central News Agency.*

INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Nanking, Dec. 5.

Great Britain and America will discuss the North China situation informally in connection with the naval problem, according to a report from Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador to Great Britain.

Chinese press reports stated that London and Washington are not likely to invoke the Nine-Power Treaty in view of the compromise effected by General Ho Ying-chin with Major-General Kenji Doihara.

Members of the "autonomous" regime in Tientsin will become members of the new Political Council in Peiping which embraces the five northern provinces. The "autonomists" thus achieve their aim with Nanking approval.—*Union News.*

CHINESE OPTIMISM

Peiping, Dec. 5.

Chinese optimism continues to flow despite the lack of concrete developments. The vernacular papers stress a more hopeful feeling which generally seems to be due to slackening of Japanese pressure while Chinese leaders confer in an endeavour to find a suitable solution acceptable to the Japanese.

General Ho Ying-chin continues to have conferences with Sung Cheh-yuan, Chir Teh-chun, Hsiao Cheng-yin, Hsiao Shih-hui and Cheng Yi.

A report was current in Chinese circles that General Dolhara met Ho Ying-chin last night, but this is not confirmed and is probably untrue as it is now regarded unlikely that Ho Ying-chin, and Dolhara will meet until some agreement is decided upon.

The repeated Japanese assurances that the Kwangtung Army at Shanhaiwan would not enter China nor that the Tientsin garrison will be increased have given the Chinese more hope as previously the general feeling was that it was a race between their efforts to find a solution acceptable to Japan and Dolhara's order to the troops to march in.

SUNG'S STATEMENT

General Sung Cheh-yuan in a statement says: "The situation since General Ho Ying-chin's arrival has greatly improved. I am confident that General Ho will be able to find a solution. Now that General Ho has come to Peiping I feel that my task has been considerably lightened. Henceforth I will deal with all difficult problems in accordance with instructions from General Ho."

Chinese circles are inclined to interpret this statement as indicating that General Sung no longer assumes full responsibility for maintenance of peace and order in Peiping.—*Reuter.*

SUPPORT AND HOSTILITY

Tientsin, Dec. 5.

Educationalists here have wired to General Ho Ying-chin and

"TAKUNG PAO"
BANVigorous Protest By
"Daily News"

Nanking, Dec. 5.

The "Central Daily News" in a leader vigorously protests at the banning of the "Takung Pao" by the Tientsin-Peiping authorities and expressing surprise that the action against the "Takung Pao" is the result of an editorial urging the northern authorities to maintain Chinese territorial integrity.

The "Central Daily News" indignantly asks: "Are Peiping and Tientsin Chinese territory and do the authorities still consider themselves Chinese officials?"

The journal then makes a contrast between the "Takung Pao" ban and the distribution of autonomy propaganda in Peiping and Tientsin, and demands an immediate explanation from the authorities regarding their surprise course of action.

In conclusion a general tribute is paid to the press and intelligentsia in North China for the strong opposition to the autonomy movement and urges the press throughout the country to carry on its duties towards the public "with the zeal of a religious martyr."

It may be recalled that the "Daily News" makes a vigorous stand for liberalisation of censorship regulations which has a hearty nationwide response.—*Reuter.*

BAN LIFTED

Nanking, Dec. 5.

The Ministry of Communications telegraphed the Tientsin Post Office ordering the ban on the transmission of the "Takung Pao" through the mails to be lifted.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH WARSHIPS
ON CRUISE

London, Dec. 5.

It is officially announced that British warships, including the battleship *Gibraltar*, are on a cruise, proceeding to the Mediterranean Sea, within a few days of the Straits.

Suggestions that the move is intended as a friendly gesture to Italy are declared to be unjustified. The cruise takes place in the normal course of fleet exercises of ships, and though literally leaving the Mediterranean they will never be far from Gibraltar.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH CHAMBER
DEBATE

Vice-President Breaks Rider

Paris, Dec. 5.

The critical debate in the Chamber on the question of armed Leagues was resumed this morning quietly. The streets were deserted and a few Deputies were present. The Ministers of the Interior and Justice alone were on the Government bench.

The blind Deputy opened the discussion which gradually warmed up to such an extent that the Vice-President broke a ruler in ringing the bell for order.

The vote is unlikely to be taken to-day.—*Reuter.*

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LITIGATION OVER WOLFRAM ORE

Wrongful Conversion Alleged Against German Firm

The case in which Messrs. Bodiker and Co. are being sued by the Yung Wah Co., of Canton for alleged wrongful conversion, was continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Alton MacGregor, at the Supreme Court yesterday when further evidence was called for the defence.

Plaintiff's case was that the defendants wrongfully converted half of the wolfram ore stored in their place as security for a loan of \$97,440, and they took advantage of the property, gambled in exchange, and put the difference in their pockets.

Mr. Leo D'Almada Jr., together with Mr. F. C. Jenkin, K.C., instructed by Mr. J. T. Prior, are appearing for the defendant company, while the plaintiff firm is being represented by Mr. Elton Porter, K.C., who is instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks.

The defence, in its pleading, contended that the conversion was made in accordance with an oral agreement, whereby they had the right to do so.

Examination by Mr. D'Almada of Chan Pin-sho, clerk of Messrs. Bodiker and Co., was continued which related to the events of January 31 when Chan Ham-on, of the Yung Wah firm, was alleged to have agreed to a shipment to Europe of 50 tons of wolfram ore.

Witness said that the next day two cheques were paid to Yung Wah. Later, Chan Ham-on protested about the opening of some of the bags of ore in Hong Kong.

FURTHER MARGIN ASKED FOR

Witness agreed that on or about March 4 Mr. Bodiker wrote to Yung Wah asking for a further margin. Chan Ham-on called at the office in consequence of this about March 7 and Mr. Bodiker then typed out a document, as to the analysis and weight of the ore.

Mr. Chan Ham-on objected to the word "custody" in the document, saying that it made it appear that the ore had been sold to Messrs. Bodiker.

Witness denied that Chan Ham-on made a protest when Mr. Bodiker informed him on March 7 that the goods had gone to Europe. Mr. Bodiker, he said then asked Mr. Chan Ham-on how much he wanted for the goods and was told \$80 a picul, which, Mr. Bodiker said, was too high. Chan, the other partner of Yung Wah saw Mr. Bodiker several times about the price but wanted \$73 for an immediate sale, whereas Mr. Bodiker would not offer more than \$67.

Mr. D'Almada said it was suggested that Chan Ham-on, Cheung and Hon of Yung Wah visited Mr. Bodiker on March 20 and said they had brought \$31,000 odd to redeem the goods.

Witness said that this was untrue.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

Cross-examined by Mr. Potter, witness said he knew Chan Ham-on and the others. He agreed that this was the first deal with the Yung Wah and although they were asking for a loan of \$97,000 he did not make enquiries as to the partners of the firm. He thought Chan Ham-on was the master of the firm and did not know until March 7 or 8 that Chung was connected with the deal.

Counsel suggested that this was untrue and that if he knew Chung before, and well enough to borrow money from him, he would have known of this association before.

Mr. Potter: We are told that it was you who suggested to Mr. Bodiker that 50 tons should be shipped to Europe?

Witness: Yes. What was the object? It would then be a spot bargain and would fetch a better price.

So it was in Chan Ham-on's interest?—Yes, and it would save certain expenses.

And Mr. Bodiker also said that the only reason was that it would be better for Chan Ham-on?—Yes.

Well, then, why not ship the whole hundred tons?—I don't know.

Was it ever explained to Chan Ham-on how he was going to get his money?—No.

It was not suggested that because the cargo was being sold in Hamburg for sterling and Chan Ham-on would want payment in dollars that he might have to worry about exchange?—No.

It appears to have been one of those simple transactions. Why was not a confirmation in writing sent to Chan Ham-on?—It was not necessary.

HE DID AGREE

If you were selling the ore for the benefit of Yung Wah, why did you not ask them to pay the freight?—We were going to deduct it from the proceeds, which is our usual custom.

But I understand that this is the first time that you have handled a job like this. I put it to you that you did none of the things that a business man would have done, for the very good reason that you had never induced Chan Ham-on to agree to the shipments?—He did agree.

Counsel produced a copy of an extract from a passenger list showing that Mr. Chan Ham-on went to Shanghai on the morning of February 6.

In re-examination, Mr. D'Almada asked: Is it possible that this interview you spoke of as having taken place after Chinese New Year took place on the 5th and not on the 6th?

Witness: I think it was on the 6th. Anyway, you are sure that you saw Mr. Chan Ham-on twice between the 3rd and the 6th?—Yes.

AFTERNOON PROCEEDINGS

In the afternoon Mr. B. Soltan giving evidence said that he was an export manager of Messrs. Bodiker and Co., and in this capacity had been with the firm for the past ten years. He had had nothing to do with the making of the agreement on January 30, although he was acquainted that some such agreement had been formed.

Witness agreed with Mr. Jenkin that he was responsible for the shipment of 50 tons of wolfram. There were two reasons for his decision: (1) to obtain a better price for the goods on loan and, (2) to reduce the over draft at the bank, which was placed against the export account.

The Hong Kong office had raised the sum of \$97,000 which the Canton office required for a loan to Yung Wah and Co. He had written to the bank regarding the overdraft, and had also consulted Mr. Davies, Manager of the bank, the next day. At the interview witness did not do anything to correct any apprehension that may have arisen in the letter. The transaction for which the loan was required was not mentioned to Mr. Davies, as witness did not consider that it was necessary. In witness's opinion the whole matter was a "sound transaction." Replying to Mr. Jenkin, witness agreed that at this time he knew something of the Yung Wah transaction.

On February 2, the bank advanced \$98,000, and eventually ten days later, witness drew a bill for \$6,250 on Hamburg, which he considered was the only way to deal with the transaction. He had informed Mr. Davies of his intention to do so. Referring to February 2, witness boarded the s.s. "Sai On" and inspected 2,000 bags of wolfram in the company of the owner of the goods. The bags were old and unfit for shipment. He directed that 1,000 bags be remade with new matting, which had been obtained before witness boarded the vessel. One thousand bags were also taken to the godown.

GOODS SHIPPED

On February 6, witness handed a bill-of-lading in respect of 1,000 bags to the Hong Kong Bank, and wrote a letter on the same date. The goods were shipped on or about February 10. On February 12 he drew a bill of exchange for \$6,250-10 on Hamburg, and negotiated that bill on the bank which credited him with \$68,000. This had been obtained by appropriating eight contracts which the company had had with the bank in January and February. These contracts had been entered into, said witness, in respect of other commercial transactions, notably wood, oil, and other merchandise. If these contracts were not with the bank, a special contract would have had to be entered into.

Having appropriated the contract, he had had to make another contract to replace the original. On February 15, three other contracts for \$23,200 were made.

LOCAL FOOTBALL FIXTURE

The following are the fixtures for the coming week end:—

SATURDAY

Division I.

St. Joseph's v. South China. "A" (N2) Referee: A. C. Ward. Linesmen: D. W. Ellis and W. Brerley.

Chinese Athletic v. H.K.F.C. (CH2) Referee: H. F. Scrutton; Linesmen: W. Collier and T. Davies. Recreation v. East Lancs. (K2) Referee: W. P. Payne; Linesmen: J. Tracey and J. V. Gomes.

R.W.F. v. Navy (C2) Referee: R. M. Omar; Linesmen: E. Richardson and T. Evans.

Lincolns v. R.A. "L" (F2) Referee: D. Kossick; Linesmen: G. E. Goodfellow and H. J. Bland. R.A. "S" v. H. K. Police (M2) Referee: W. R. Reynolds; Linesmen: G. Mason and J. Crook.

Division II.

H.K.F.C. v. Eastern (H1) Referee: R. Chapman.

R.W.F. v. Kowloon (J2) Referee: A. T. Jarmain.

R.E. v. Lincolns (H2) Referee: W. C. Twiss.

Division III.

Police "C" v. St. Joseph's (K1) Referee: T. Casson.

R.W.F. v. Lincolns (M1) Referee: D. T. Smith.

R.A.F. v. Railway (R2) Referee: F. Huxley.

R.A.M.C. v. R.E. (V2) Referee: A. E. C. Clarke.

SUNDAY

R.A.S.C. & R.A.O.C. v. Navy (C2) Referee: K. K. Ip.

South China v. East Lancs. Referee: H. F. Scrutton (2 p.m.).

GOVERNOR'S CUP

H.K.F.A. v. H.K.C.A.A.F. Sookun-poo, Referee: E. G. Isley (3.30 p.m.).

Postponed owing to Camp: Division II—Radio v. Club de Recreation.

Governor's Cup

The following have been chosen to represent the Hong Kong Football Association against the Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation in the Governor's Cup game to be played on Sunday December 8 at Sookunpoo. Kick off at 3.30 p.m.

G. S. Rodger (H.K.F.C.); L/Cpl. G. Swain (East Lancs.); C. Pile (H.K. Police); L. G. Robertson (H.K.F.C.); L/Cpl. S. Lawton (East Lancs.); A. B. Bowers (Royal Navy); B. Gosano (Club de Recreation); F. A. B. Harrison (R.W.F.); A. B. Cannell (Royal Navy); Cpl. R. Ridley (Capt.) (Lincolns); B. I. Bickford (H.K.F.C.); Reserves—Fus. W. Rowlands (R.W.F.); G. Hill (H.K.F.C.); L/Cpl. H. Stelle (East Lancs.); E. S. Brooks (H.K. Police); Gnr. F. Morton (R.A. "L"); Fus. R. Evans (R.W.F.); P. O. Baxter (Royal Navy); H. C. Elliot (H.K.F.C.); L/Cpl. J. W. Higgins (Lincolns); E. Strange (H.K.F.C.); Fus. R. Roberts (R.W.F.).

HOME RUGGER

London, Dec 4.

Two Rugby Union County Championship games were decided today Hampshire beating the Eastern Counties by 8 points to 5 at Ilford, while Middlesex beat Sussex at Islworth by 25 points to 13.

The Combined Royal Military Academy and Royal Marine College beat the Army fifteen by 9 points to nil at Camberley. *Reuter.*

The other three thousand was to be finally replaced at the latest by April 1, and before the wolfram was sold. A loss of \$4,920 on the replacement of \$3,200 was shown, but the loss on the replacement of the balance could not be ascertained and must amount to \$10,000, because of the continual appropriation of contracts.

Witness stated that he raised the money required by Yung Wah, but had had nothing to do with the transaction. The loan concerned his office and the bank. On March 9, Yung Wah repaid \$65,000 and 50 tons of ore was released to them. Cross-examined by Mr. Potter, witness said that a letter he received from Messrs. Hastings and Co., "was a surprise to him in some respects," as he understood that Yung Wah had agreed to the shipment. Asked why he did not reply to the letter, witness said that it was a matter for Canton to deal with, and he had got into touch with Mr. Bodiker.

Following further evidence, the case was adjourned until to-day.

DAVIS CUP ACES

MENZEL AND HECHT IN DELIGHTFUL TENNIS DUELS

Yesterday's Exhibition Witnessed By Large Crowd

Roderick Menzel, the Czechoslovakian tennis ace, and Hecht, his compatriot and Davis Cup doubles partner, coming straight off the ship, gave a delightful exhibition of tennis at the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground, before a large and enthusiastic gathering of spectators, among whom were His Excellency, the Officer Administering the Government, Sir Thomas Southern on arrival at the ground, accompanied by Capt. W. J. R. Cragg, A.D.C. was introduced to both the players and at the conclusion of the game, His Excellency shook hands with the visitors and thanked them for the splendid exhibition.

Others present included the Puisne Judge, Justice R. E. Lindell, President of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and other officials of the Lawn Tennis Association.

In all Menzel and Hecht, took part in 58 games, which comprised of the six sets they played in, and as Menzel said, to one coming as he and his partner did, straight off the ship, "it was too much." Under the circumstances, both did remarkably well although it was evident towards the end of the day, that Menzel was more affected than his partner. His last set in his duel with Hecht, resulting in a win for the latter by a large margin—6 games to one.

Full scores and results being: Hecht and Ho Ka Lau drew with Menzel and W. Hung 6-3, 6-8.

Menzel and Hecht beat S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn 6-3, 6-3.

Menzel drew with Hecht 6-4, 1-6.

HO KA LAU PLAYS WELL

The first item on the programme saw Ho Ka Lau partnered with Hecht against Menzel and Willy Hung. Of the locals Lau was the first to settle down, playing himself in without the slightest sign of nervousness in the company of such noted players. Hung on the other hand netted often with the result that Lau and Hecht went into an early lead of 5 games to one, before meeting with any opposition. Menzel then, by means of some fine placements and frequent raids to the net, captured two games for his side, but the effort came too late for Lau and Hecht ran out winners by 6 games to three.

The next set saw Hung improve and games were taken on service until three all was called. Hung then lost his service while Lau won, establishing for him and his partner a two game lead. Menzel replied by taking a game with his service, which was coming over strong and fast, but Hecht lost a game on service to bring the score 6-5. Hung failed with his service again, while Lau, who delighted with his consistency won, but Menzel retaliated and clinched a game after he had absolutely dominated matters on the other side of the net, playing against Hecht and Lau single handed. Hecht lost a vital game and the set ended 8-5 in favour of the Czechoslovakian champion and Hung.

During this set Menzel was seen at his best, volleying superbly and smashing with great accuracy. He had to go all out to win the set as he received only moderate support from the young K.C.C. player. Hecht in the meanwhile, being more adequately supported by Lau, was taking things far easier, but nevertheless bringing off some splendid angle volleys which left the opposition cold.

VISITORS IN PARTNERSHIP

After a brief rest and change of clothing, Menzel and Hecht were opposed to the undisputed local doubles champions, defeating them 6-3, 6-3. "H.D." did not play up to his usual standard and during the whole of this 18 games did not win a single game on his service. On the other hand "S.A." was brilliant and never played better in his career. He served four times during the two sets, and won on every occasion. While at the net he volleyed strongly and his ground shots, after several long

rallies, on more than one occasion beat the Davis Cup men in brilliant fashion. Hecht faltered once in the two sets, which together with the games won by Sirdar Rumjahn provided the locals with their sole points.

MENZEL v. HECHT

The piece de resistance of the day's play was supplied by Menzel and Hecht in opposition to each other. Both hit the ball hard and accurately, preferring to indulge in base-line duels which were long and sustained. With slightly less effort and much less running about, Hecht advanced to a commanding lead of 4-1, before Menzel began to stage a recovery.

By dint of superb placing and more frequent advances to the net, Menzel delighted with powerful drives to both corners of the court, and some deft volleying, which left his opponent invariably on the wrong foot. He won both his service games and in addition captured Hecht's to run out winner by 6-4, finishing a brilliant rally with a great smash.

TIED BUT GAME

Hecht lost the first game of the second set on his service, but Menzel returned the compliment. The latter was visibly tiring and committed many errors for Hecht to win at will. Menzel failed to capture another game, losing on service, and when the score read 5-1 in favour of Hecht, he allowed the other to "ace" him twice before conceding the set 1-6.

TO PLAY IN CHAMPIONSHIP

Regarding his future plans, Menzel said that they were proceeding down to Singapore, from whence they will travel to India to participate in the All-India Championship. The Rumjahn cousins had impressed him, but in his opinion, they lacked experience. The light, peculiar to the Cricket Club ground, had bothered him a little, but otherwise the courts were splendid.

He greatly admired the surroundings, but he thought that he had had enough tennis for a day. Asked about his plans regarding Wimbledon, he said that he had every intention of playing there this year, while England, in his opinion, would retain the Davis Cup for another year.

It will be recalled that last year he figured in the quarter-finals being eliminated by Fred Perry. "I beat him once in Paris" smilingly added the Czechoslovakian giant.

Yesterday's exhibition was in every sense of the word, an unqualified success and it will be a long time before Menzel's genial personality will be forgotten in Hong Kong. Both Menzel and Hecht are accompanied by their wives, who were interested spectators.

According to present arrangements, the Davis Cup men will sail to-day for Singapore.

XMAS BAZAAR

German Club In Festive Mood

In view of the approaching festive season, the German community of Hong Kong held a very highly successful Bazaar at the German Club yesterday.

The Bazaar, which is in aid of the Whitehall Fund, was opened by Frau H. Gipperich, wife of the local German Consul, in the presence of a very large gathering.

There were some very excellent goods tastefully laid out for sale, all of which were of German manufacture and were certainly snapped up early in the evening. Tea was served during the evening.

The Bazaar will be open to-day from 11 a.m. till 9 p.m. and will continue again on Saturday, when there will be a dance at the Club.

HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

(ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COLONEL H. E. L. DOWBIGGIN, O.B.E. COMMANDANT, H.K. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.)

GENERAL

Corps Annual The Corps Annual etc. now available for sale in the Officers' Mess, Sergeants' Mess, Canteen and Brewer's Book Shop at 20 cents each.

Christmas Cards Christmas Cards are available in the Officers' Mess, Sergeants' Mess and Canteen at \$4.00 per dozen or 40 cents each.

PARADE

Corps 1st Battery "A" Section will parade at Belcher's Fort on Thursday, December from 6 to 8 p.m. Dress:—Overalls, Blue Cap, Gun Platform Shoes. "L" Section will parade every Friday at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. First parade on Friday December 6, 1935.

Corps Engineers Monday, December 9—Miniature Range—5.30 p.m. Thursday, December 12—No. 1 Detachment A. A. Training, Wellington Barracks.

Corps Signals

Proceed to Camp on Friday, December 6, 1935 in accordance with instructions already issued. There will be a parade at Corps Headquarters on Tuesday December 10, 1935 at 5.30 p.m. Armoured Car Section Section will proceed to Camp on Saturday, December 7. Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 7.45 a.m. sharp. Dress:—Overalls, R.T.C. Cap, Haversack, Waterbottle and revolver.

Remainder of uniform must be brought. M. G. Troop The Troop will go into Camp on Friday, 6th instant.

No. 1 (M.G.) Company Parade at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, December 13, 1935. First year men and Recruits, Miniature Range. Remainder, Company Meeting.

APPOINTMENT

No. 1688, Sergeant J. L. Tedley to be Acting O.S.M. to December 9, 1935.

No. 2 (Scottish) Company Camp. The Company will proceed to Camp on Friday, December 6, 1935. Parade at Kowloon Railway Station in time to entrain at 5.10 p.m.

Dress:—Glengarry, Tunic, Kilt (no sporran) Khaki Hosiery and Flashes, Short Puttees and Boots, Topee, Sling from left shoulder strap, Groatcoat rolled at back. Shorts will be worn during training in Camp.

Thursday, 12.12.35—The Company will parade at Miniature Range at 5.30 p.m. for Musketry Instruction.

No. 3 (M.G.) Company The Company will proceed to Camp on Friday, December 6, 1935. The Dress will be the same as the previous Camp and Rites and Bayonets will also be taken.

There will be no parade on Monday, December 9, 1935. M.G.Bn. Signal Section Section will proceed to Camp on Friday, December 6, 1935.

All ranks are reminded that it is essential that flags are carried. L/Cpl. Cole and Signaller Sommers will be attached to the Troop.

Corps Infantry

The Company will proceed to Camp on Friday, 6th instant as per details issued to individuals by Corps Headquarters.

There will be no parade on Tuesday, December 10, 1935.

APPOINTMENT

The following appointments have been made in the Motor Machine Gun Section with effect from December 5, 1935:—

No. 1771, Pte. F. H. Neale to be A/Corporal. No. 1778, Pte. S. A. Fowler to be A/L/Corporal.

No. 1794, Pte. H. F. Shields to be A/L/Corporal. No. 1802, Pte. C. Spradberry to be A/L/Corporal.

No. 1881, Pte. N. Whitley to be A/L/Corporal.

TRANSFER

Lieut. J. H. Lawrence is transferred from Reserve of Officers to "B" Company, Corps Infantry, with effect from December 5, 1935.

LEAVE

No. 1795, A/L/Corporal R. Simpson, No. 1 (M.G.) Company returned from leave from November 14, 1935.

No. 1805, Private J. P. White, No. 6 Platoon, No. 2 (Scottish) Company, returned from leave on November 28, 1935.

STRENGTH

No. 2503, Gunner D. J. Leonard, 41 Henley Road, 1st Battery "L" Section, 2.12.35.

No. 2504, Gunner S. L. Leonard, 41 Henley Road, 1st Battery "L" Section, 2.12.35.

No. 2505, Gunner J. R. Hunt, 54 Lockhart Road, 1st Battery "L" Section, 2.12.35.

No. 2506, Gunner E. M. Caston, 8 Morrison Hill Road, 1st Battery "L" Section, 2.12.35.

No. 2507, Gunner J. M. X. de Souza, 1st Battery "L" Section, 2.12.35.

No. 2508, Gunner J. A. Delgado, No. 3, Cheung Ning Street, 1st Battery "L" Section, 2.12.35.

No. 2509, Gunner A. Hussain, Union Insurance Co., 1st Battery "L" Section, 2.12.35.

No. 2510, Gunner J. C. Lee, Maxwell Publishing Co., 1st Battery "L" Section, 2.12.35.

No. 2511, Gunner H. H. Tam, Reiss Massey & Co. 1st Battery "L" Section, 2.12.35.

No. 2512, Gunner J. A. Lau, 10, Princes Terrace 1st Battery "L" Section, 2.12.35.

APPOINTMENT—ADJUTANT

Captain R. C. B. Anderson, M.C., The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, assumed the duties of Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C. vice Major E. J. Mitchell, O.B.E. with effect from November 30, 1935. (Sd.) R. C. B. Anderson, Captain, Acting Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

AFFILIATED UNITS

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C. COMMAND Mrs. J. Durran on return from leave assumed the duties of Commandant with effect from December 2, 1935.

LECTURE

The eighth lecture in Home Nursing at F.V.D. Offices at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 1935. Head Storerian, H.K.V.D.C. will arrange for beds and linen, etc.

ENROLLMENT

2.12.35—Miss Irene W. Butler. 2.12.35—Miss Consuelo Gardner. (Sd.) J. DURRAN, Commandant, Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

NOTICE

The following have been appointed to act as Committee for the forthcoming M.G. Battalion Dance. 2nd Lieut. R. M. Wood, Chairman.

C.S.M. G. E. Dudley, Decorations. C.Q.M.S. R. A. Edwards, Secretary. L/Cpl. F. C. B. Black Treasurer.

There will be a meeting of the above Committee at Volunteer Headquarters at 8 p.m. on Friday, December 13, 1935.

Unit Commanders in the M.G. Battalion are invited to send representatives.

Sergeants' Mess Committee Representative: No. 3 (M.G.) Company, O

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MOULDS TO MAKE MONEY

Chinese Committed For Trial

The remanded hearing of the committal proceedings brought against two unemployed men, namely Lam Yui, alias Lam Tisang, and Kwong Chiu-pang charged with illegal possession of moulds, for the manufacture of counterfeit coins was continued at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones.

The evidence, previously given by Det-Sgt. C. H. Goodwin was corroborated by two Chinese detectives, who were present at the time of the arrest.

The next to take the stand was Kwong Chiu-pang, the second defendant. He stated that he was unemployed with no fixed abode. He said that on Sept. 18 he heard that the first defendant had arrived in the Colony from Macao, and went to visit him on Sept. 22 and had been staying there ever since.

Approximately ten days before his arrest he was asked by the first defendant to buy a battery and some tin as he was learning how to do electroplating. This he did and two days afterwards, the first defendant experimented on a copper coin and some copper sheets. The result was not satisfactory for he was told to buy another battery and 24 lbs. of tin, a copper coin was again used and the result was very satisfactory.

THE EXPERIMENT

On Nov. 11 as he was leaving the house, he saw the first defendant place four forms on pieces of glass. A white powder mixed with water was poured into the forms, and being interested, he asked the first defendant what he was doing and received the following reply: "You would not understand, I will tell you when they are finished." Before leaving the house he was told to go to Hong Kong to get some new ten cent pieces from his brother.

He arrived at Hong Kong at 1 p.m. and went to a restaurant for some refreshment and there he telephoned the brother. After some time the cousin of the first defendant came and handed him fifty cents and a parcel of duck's feet. He then crossed the harbour and went to fetch his daughter who was working at a factory and took her to tea.

When he returned to the house at 4 p.m. he saw that it was full of policemen. He was searched and questioned about the moulds. He then recalled what he had seen the first defendant doing in the morning and told the police about it. His statement was taken down and they were all placed under arrest.

After hearing the evidence they were committed to stand their trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

A Lecture On Blackstone

The following is the last instalment of the lecture delivered by Mr. H. C. MacNamara at the English Association on Tuesday evening.

Apart from the antiquities and legal fictions to be found in Blackstone we will now consider his optimism. Optimism was not, on the whole, a failing to which the great men of the eighteenth century were particularly prone, in fact one of the great saviours of that century was directed against it. Blackstone was, as nearly as a real person can be, just the type portrayed as "Dr. Pangloss" in "Candide." Like Voltaire's creation he found that all was for the best in the best of all possible worlds. He was comfortable in the world and he thought that other people could, and should, be comfortable too. He could see nothing wrong in English law. A criminal code that punished all serious crime, and many crimes that were not really serious, with death did not cause him a moment's anxiety. The brutal violence of the press-gang, the law that condemned a defaulting debtor to virtual life imprisonment, the proverbial delays of the Court of Chancery the flagrant dealings in obscure offices about the courts all were, at the worst, small blemishes in an otherwise perfect scheme. That the law might be greatly improved he did not believe. In this respect I would contrast his attitude with that of a great contemporary, Dr. Johnson. We all know his attitude to life, noble pessimism, that never degenerated into despair. I think he would have agreed with that view of the law expressed by his friend Goldsmith:

FAINT PRAISE—BLAMED WITH VIGOUR

"How small of all that human hearts endure that part which laws or kings can cause, or cure." Blackstone on the other hand, like an eighteenth century Englishman, was fully assured that Englishmen were blessed by having a legal system which made them happy. It is unnecessary to dwell further on this uncritical and unwarranted optimism. I will merely remind you of the old nautical definition of a pessimist which is: "Some one who has been shipmates with an optimist." To a thoughtful person the optimism of Blackstone is far more depressing than the pessimism of Johnson.

Some of you, ladies and gentlemen, may wonder why I have gone to the trouble of writing a paper about a man with whom I can, apparently, do little but find fault. You have heard very little but fault finding from me so far. I have dwelt upon the author's insufficiency as a jurist, his credulity, his unreasoning conservatism and blatant optimism. I have contrasted him unfavourably with such legal contemporaries as Lord Mansfield and Camden and with such writers as Gibbon and Johnson. I have so far damned with faint praise, and blamed with some vigour. It is now my more pleasant task to say what there is to recommend this author to the intelligent audience. I am now addressing, and I can do so more freely having said all, I think, that can fairly be urged against him.

LAW SHOULD BE NO SECRET

As against what can be said in his dispraise Blackstone was, as I have already observed a pioneer. He had a great and generous idea which illuminates his book from end to end. That idea may be expressed thus. He thought that law should not be a secret shared by the legal profession alone but a great heritage which could and should be shared in its fullness by all persons of education. It was an idea both novel and magnificent and, so far as he was concerned, his success was complete. From knowing less, perhaps, of their law than any other people the English, for some years, knew far more. The immense popularity of the book assured that. As I have said his popularity gradually faded. It has disappeared as a work of practical usefulness and no other book has ever been written which comes near to filling its place.

What then is the lesson, if any, to be learnt from these reflections. Well in the first place the Commentaries are now firmly established not as a handbook of our law, as they once were, but as a book of great and permanent historical interest. It is a vivid picture of English law as it existed in a very interesting period of its development. As history it will, I believe, increase in value as the years pass. It contains a mass of information as to English law in the eighteenth century which is

unobtainable elsewhere. It is still, in the original edition, a work that anyone can read with pleasure and profit, but if you decide to read it reflect that much of what he describes has passed away for ever. The old Courts of Common Law; King's Bench, Common Pleas and Exchequer are gone. So is the High Court of Chancery. So are the old methods of legal conveyance by Fine and Recovery. No longer are the interesting figures of John Doe and Richard Roe to be found in our practice books. Be this so there is a great deal that remains. There is still in our law much that Blackstone praised and praised with reason. If our law is not the best in the world, and who can say which is the best, it has beyond all doubt elements in it that command respect. They are part of a great heritage that Blackstone did much to popularise and so preserve.

THE APOSTLE OF THE LAW

There is one other thought that arises from a consideration of Blackstone. He was the apostle of law to the laity. As I have said before no one author has succeeded to his unique position. In his place there are now many excellent authors. I have mentioned one already Professor Allen, author of that delightful book, "Law in the Making." There is again Professor Jenks, at one time Director of Studies to the Law Society. He has written a popular and good general description of English Law. Some years ago Maitland wrote of English law in a style that has never been surpassed. Dr. Holdsworth has written a history of English law, in nine volumes, that merits careful study. Authors who write in a popular style on English law are, as the saying is, "too numerous to mention." It is a hopeful sign.

To conclude, ladies and gentlemen I would say that Blackstone may be studied to-day but simply as an historian. He was popular in his day but his book is no longer of practical value. There is much in it to interest you. If, on the other hand, anything I have said has awakened in you a spirit of curiosity as to the laws under which you live then there are numerous and very well written books that you can study. Disregard the wretched maxim, "A little learning is a dangerous thing," a line usually quoted by persons who know nothing else of Pope. If you look into the laws of your country you will find in them a subject much fuller of interest than is generally supposed. If you begin on Blackstone you will have before you a wonderful account of what the law was. You may then decide to investigate the no less interesting problem of what the law is to-day, as to which there are many guides but none so picturesque as Blackstone.

F.A. CUP REPLAYS

London, Dec. 4. In the First Round F.A. Cup replays extra time became necessary in two matches which resulted in the elimination of Aldershot and Romford. The following were the results:

Cheltenham 0, Brighton 6.
Aldershot 0, Clapton 1.
Folkestone 2, Romford 1.
Bournemouth 3, Walthamstow 1.
Bristol 3, Northampton 1.
The dropping out of the losers gives the following ties for the Second Round on December 14:—
Folkestone v. Clapton.
Oldham v. Bristol R.
Scarborough v. Brighton.
Bournemouth v. Barrow.
Reuter.

SINO-JAPANESE TRADE ASSOCIATION

Shanghai, Dec. 4. The proposed Sino-Japanese Trade Association will be inaugurated on December 15. It was learned here to-day.

Preparations were being made for such an organisation by the Chinese financial leaders for the purpose of promoting Sino-Japanese trade, since the return of the Chinese Economic Investigation Party from Japan.

When inaugurated, the association will establish an office in Shanghai and Tokyo. It is understood that Messrs. Wu Ta-chuan and Yu Chao-ting will be elected as chairman and vice-chairman of the Association respectively. Central News Agency.

SHIP CAPTAIN'S CLAIM

Damages For Wrongful Dismissal Failed

At the Summary Court yesterday, the action brought by Capt. A. H. Brown, master mariner, claiming \$1,000 in lieu of three months' salary from the Yuen On Company, Ltd. failed; the Pilsner Judge, Mr. Justice Lindsell, giving judgment in favour of the defendants. In his judgment, His Lordship said he was satisfied that in January, 1934, the plaintiff was suffering from an attack of alcohol, as a result of which he was warned by the Hon. Mr. Chau that his continued employment thereafter was conditional upon strict sobriety.

"I am satisfied," continued His Lordship, "that on the voyage out Canton on December 28, 1934, the plaintiff was so far under the influence of liquor as not to be in a fit state to command his ship. I see no reason to doubt the evidence, in this connection of Capt. Rule who appeared to be an unwilling rather than an eager witness but at the same time a truthful witness. In the same category as a witness was, in my opinion, Capt. Walker whose testimony established that on January 2 last Capt. Brown was fully aware that he had misconducted himself and was liable to be dismissed."

His Lordship then gave judgment for defendant company with four-fifths of the costs against plaintiff.

THE ALLEGATIONS

It was alleged by the plaintiff that he was wrongfully dismissed while the defence contended that the dismissal was justified on the grounds of drunkenness and neglect of duties by plaintiff as master of the s.s. Kwong Tung.

He was represented by Mr. M. A. Silva, while Mr. F. G. Nigel was for the defendants.

At the opening of yesterday's hearing, the plaintiff was recalled to the witness box. He stated that he visited the Cannossa Hospital on January 17 and prior to going there on that day he had no alcoholic drinks. From January 1 to 15, he usually drank about six glasses of whisky and soda a day. He had, however, a peculiar habit in that he drank only half and threw away the remainder.

His Lordship: Rather an expensive habit, don't you think, Mr. Brown?

Witness: Yes, considering I am Scotch it seems hardly feasible.

ALL LIES

Capt. Brown further said that during his ten years of employment he had never had a holiday. He characterised the evidence of the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau (general manager of defendant company) to the effect that he (Mr. Chau) had an interview with him and handed him a letter of dismissal, as lies.

Mr. George Henry White, chief engineer of the s.s. Kwong Sai, said that on Chinese New Year Day last year, Capt. Brown was in the office of defendant company. Witness saw him drinking, but he did not remember that Capt. Brown had been teased for refusing to drink.

Mr. Silva, addressing His Lordship, said that his case was twofold, namely (1) that the story for the defence was concocted against the plaintiff, and (2) that even if some of the evidence for the defence were true, they did not show justification of dismissal.

STORY CONCOCTED

Continuing, Mr. Silva said: "The real point of this case is that Capt. Rule (former mate to plaintiff and now master of the s.s. Kwong Tung) was anxious to obtain the position of Capt. Brown and in furtherance of that anxiety he had, with the collaboration of Mr. Tang, the assistant comprador, concocted certain accusations against plaintiff. In the face of this, the defendant company sent a letter of dismissal to Capt. Brown without giving him the slightest opportunity of defending himself. I suggest that letter was used as a disciplinary measure in the sense that if Capt. Brown had apologised he would be given another chance. But they never expected that Capt. Brown would reply by instituting proceedings against them for wrongful dismissal. In connection with that action, the defendant company was confronted with the problem of justifying the dismissal and in order to 'save face' certain members of the company had thought fit to 'invent' certain evidence against Capt. Brown."

Mr. Silva then went on to submit that Capt. Rule was a prejudiced witness in that he contradicted himself on many occasions. He further contended that the allegations of wilful disobedience and

SONG AND PIANO RECITAL

Creditable Performance At Helena May Institute

A soprano and a pianist, both of whom displayed their respective talents delighted a moderate audience at a joint song and piano recital at the Helena May Institute yesterday evening, when Mrs. Anderson Miller gave one of her best singing performances, while Lt. Col. C. H. Kuhnne showed that he was a piano player of note.

Mrs. Anderson Miller in her renderings of the folk song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" and "Return of Spring" showed that she had the beautiful expressions of the theme and her powerful and exquisite voice was heard to good advantage. She also sang several other numbers.

Lt. Col. Kuhnne's interpretations on the piano included such masters as Bach, Schumann, Brahms and Beethoven and his renderings once again kept the audience spell-bound. The very soul of the music seemed to vibrate with his every note and such clear and precise interpretations were well received.

The recital was voted as being of the best of its kind yet heard and the audience left the house well pleased with the entertainment.

neglect against Capt. Brown were not proved, and concluded by saying that the reason why plaintiff brought the action was not for the \$1,000 but to clear his character in the event of future employment.

Mr. Nigel submitted that in order to find wrongful dismissal the whole conduct of the servant must be looked at and not in only one isolated instance.

Referring to the allegations against Capt. Rule, Mr. Nigel said that when he brought the accusations he was not sure that he would take the place of Capt. Brown and this showed that was not his aim when doing so. Furthermore, there was ample indication that Capt. Rule had been telling the truth.

Judgment was then passed.



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Buyers	Sellers	Share	THURSDAY, DEC. 5.	Buyers	Sellers	Share	THURSDAY, DEC. 5.
Banks							
\$1,380	205 1/2	H.K. Banks	\$1,285				
	213	Do. (London)					
	213	Chartered Banks					
	213	Mercantile Bks. "A"					
\$70		Do.	\$70				
		Bank of East Asia					
		N. O. S. B. Bank					
		Am. O. S. B. Bank					
		Ch. Fin. Corp. Ltd.					
		Do. Prof. S.					
Insurance							
	\$250	Canton Insurance	\$250				
	\$110	General Insurance	\$110				
\$480		Union Insurance	\$480				
	\$230	China Fire	\$230				
	\$4	H.K. Fire	\$4				
		International Assoc. S.					
Shipping							
	\$38	Douglas	\$38				
	\$4	Shanghai	\$4				
	\$30	Shanghai (pref.)	\$30				
	\$11	Do. (det.)	\$11				
	\$11 1/2	Shanghai	\$11 1/2				
		Waterfront					
Mining							
\$1,100		Antamoks	\$1,100				
\$17		Balates	\$17				
	32 cts.	Begun Gold	32 cts.				
	\$13 1/2	Benguet Consolidated	\$13 1/2				
	11 cts.	Do. Exploration	11 cts.				
		Do. Goldfield					
	8 cts.	Big Wedge	8 cts.				
	30 cts.	Gold River	30 cts.				
	30 cts.	Gold Creek	30 cts.				
	15 cts.	United Paracales	15 cts.				
	90 cts.	Salacot Mining	90 cts.				
	35 cts.	Itogons	35 cts.				
	10 1/2	Kailash	10 1/2				
	\$13	Langketa (single)	\$13				
	\$14	Explorations	\$14				
	\$15	Shanghai Leasing	\$15				
\$38.35	\$18.10	Venezuela Gold Flds.	\$38.35				
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.							
		H.K. & K. Wharves					
		Do. (old)					
		Do. (new)					
	30 cts.	Providents (old)	30 cts.				
	19	Do. (new)	19				
		H.K. & W. Docks					
		S. China Motors "A"					
		Do. "B"					
	\$80	Shanghai Docks S.	\$80				
	\$4	New Engineering S.	\$4				
	\$23 1/2	Hongkong S.	\$23 1/2				
Land, Hotels, and Buildings							
		H.K. Hotels					
		H.K. Lands					
	\$10 1/2	Do. 4 1/2 Debutures	\$10 1/2				
	\$20	Shanghai Lands S.	\$20				
	\$9.60	Metropolitan Lands	\$9.60				
	\$6.80	H.K. Leases	\$6.80				
	\$4	China S. S. Co.	\$4				
	\$35	Do. Debutures S.	\$35				
		Humphreys					
		New Asia Hotel					
		Asia Realities "A" S.					
		Do. "B" S.					
	\$86	Chinese Estates	\$86				
Cotton Mills							
	\$10	Ecos	\$10				
	\$10 1/2	S. S. Cotton Mills S.	\$10 1/2				
	\$40 1/2	Do. (new) S.	\$40 1/2				
	\$2	Zong Sing	\$2				
	\$25	Wing On Textiles S.	\$25				
Public Utilities							
	\$14	Tramways	\$14				
	\$4	Peak (new) S.	\$4				
	\$17	Star Ferry	\$17				
	\$10 1/2	Yankee Ferry	\$10 1/2				
	\$10 1/2	China Lights	\$10 1/2				
	\$20	H.K. Electric	\$20				
	\$12.10	Macao do	\$12.10				
	\$23	Sandakan Lights	\$23				
	\$11 1/2	Telephones (old)	\$11 1/2				
	\$11 1/2	Do. (new)	\$11 1/2				
	\$11 1/2	China Buses S.	\$11 1/2				
	\$11 1/2	Tramways	\$11 1/2				
Industries							
	\$8.40	Malayan Sugars	\$8.40				
	\$18 1/2	Calabook, (old) S.	\$18 1/2				
	\$12 1/2	Alagregory (new) S.	\$12 1/2				
	\$16.00	Canton Luce	\$16.00				
	\$5.10	Guangtong	\$5.10				
	\$4	Hopes	\$4				
Miscellaneous							
	\$17	Dairy Farms	\$17				
	\$13.10	Amusements	\$13.10				
	\$10	Ob. E. Amusements	\$10				
	\$10	Constructions (old)	\$10				
	\$10	Do. (new)	\$10				
	\$10	Long Crawford	\$10				
	\$10	Mackintosh	\$10				
	\$10	Nanyang Tobacco	\$10				
	\$10	Minceros	\$10				
	\$10	Watsons	\$10				
	\$10	Wm. Powell	\$10				
	\$10	S. U. Enterprises	\$10				
	\$10	Ch. G. S. 1928 S. Bds.	\$10				
	\$10	H. G. Govt. 4 1/2 Bds.	\$10				
	\$10	Do. 5 1/2	\$10				
	\$10	Wallace Harper	\$10				
	\$10	H.K. Wing On	\$10				
	\$10	Bhai Do	\$10				
	\$10	Vibro Piling	\$10				

NEW YORK STOCK AND COMMODITY QUOTATIONS

(Through Reuter's Agency)

	Last	December 5	
	Close	Open	10.30 10.45
New York-London	493 1/2	493 1/2	—
Cotton, May	11.52	—	11.51 11.52
Rubber, December	13.18	—	13.22 13.22
Chicago Wheat, May	95 1/2	—	95 1/2
Corn, May	58 1/2	—	58 1/2
STOCKS			
Anaconda Copper	27 1/2	28	27 1/2 28
El. Bond and Share	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 15
General Motors	55 1/2	55 1/2	54 1/2 55
Int. Tel. and Tel.	12 1/2	—	13 13
Montgomery Ward	38 1/2	39	38 1/2 38 1/2
N.Y. Central	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2 29 1/2
U.S. Steel	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2 48

New York Stock Exchange Quotations appear on Page 4

CONDITIONS IN KAIFENG

Provincial Government Wants Notes From Nanking

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Kaifeng, Nov. 18.

Prices of food-stuffs and clothing materials have increased lately, since the silver dollar was taken out of circulation, and bank notes were used instead. Generally speaking, the monetary condition remains as usual without much trouble. Policemen recently knocked on the door of every residence in the city, to advise tenants to exchange their silver dollars for legal notes. At the same time they warned them that those who were found keeping more than \$10 silver would be punished severely. Up to the time of writing, about 15,000 silver dollars were exchanged, according to the announcement of the Bank of Communications, the Bank of China and the Central Bank. Special policemen are appointed to watch at the city gates. Suspected persons are to be strictly searched. Those who enter the city with more than \$10 silver are forced to go to the Central Bank to exchange them for notes. It may be interesting to mention here that people seem to prefer to keep notes of the Bank of China and the Bank of Communications, rather than of the Central Bank.

SILVER STOCK

According to reports received here from Chengchow, junction of the Lunghai and Pinghan Railways, there is much chaos in exchange, and the prices of all things are rising rapidly, at Changteh in northern Honan, and Hsuehchang and Siyang in southern Honan. The political authorities are trying every effort to settle this question.

According to statistical statement issued by the Financial Bureau of Honan Provincial Administration, the total number of silver dollars in the city is about \$1,080,000. The Provincial Government has telegraphed Nanking asking for \$5,000,000—\$2,000,000 for \$10 and \$5 notes, \$2,500,000 for \$1 notes, and \$500,000 for 20-cent and 10-cent notes.

Followers of the Heavenly Gate Society who have created disturbance for several years on Honan - Shansi - Shensi border, under the leadership of Han Yung, again have become active. Their present leader is named Chow Pe-juei. At the beginning of this month, Government troops fought them in the Changteh region. As a result, more than 100 were killed, and several tens of them were arrested. Their slogan is "Beat the Rich and Supply the Poor." They reoccupied their former stronghold, named Peach Flower Valley. It seems that it is difficult for Government troops to suppress them.

Fines totalling \$210 were imposed on William Godfrey de Lisle, Denmark Avenue, Wimbledon, at Haywards Heath for an offence under the Game and Gun Licence Act. It was alleged that from a motor-car he shot a pheasant with a rifle with a silencer attached. "Mechanized poaching" was how Mr. H. M. Draper (prosecuting) described it.

LONDON METALS MARKET

Messrs. H. B. Joseph & Co. received the following metal quotations from London through Reuters, London, December 4 (Wednesday).

Buyers		Sellers	
Copper:		Copper:	
Standard, Cash	\$ 35-11-3 up 2/6	Standard, Cash	\$ 35-12-6
Standard, 3 months	\$ 36-0-0 up 2/6	Standard, 3 months	\$ 36-1-3
Standard, Electrolytic	\$ 39-15-0 up 5s	Standard, Electrolytic	\$ 40-5-0
Tin:		Tin:	
Standard, Cash	\$ 224-5-0 down 5s	Standard, Cash	\$ 224-10-0
Standard, 3 months	\$ 213-10-0 up 5s	Standard, 3 months	\$ 213-15-0
Lead:		Lead:	
Foreign, Official Price	\$ 17-15-0 Unch.	Foreign, Official Price	\$ 17-15-0 Unch.
Foreign Official 3 months	\$ 17-15-0 Unch.	Foreign Official 3 months	\$ 17-15-0 Unch.
Spelter:		Spelter:	
Ordinary, Official Price	\$ 15-15-0 up 2/6	Ordinary, Official Price	\$ 15-15-0 up 2/6
Ordinary O.P. 3 months	\$ 16-1-3 up 2/6	Ordinary O.P. 3 months	\$ 16-1-3 up 2/6
Final Afternoon Transaction			
Copper:		Copper:	
Standard, Cash	\$ 35-12-6	Standard, Cash	\$ 35-12-6
Standard, 3 months	\$ 36-1-3	Standard, 3 months	\$ 36-1-3
Electrolytic	\$ 40-5-0	Electrolytic	\$ 40-5-0
Tin:		Tin:	
Standard, Cash	\$ 224-15-0	Standard, Cash	\$ 224-15-0
Standard, 3 months	\$ 213-15-0	Standard, 3 months	\$ 213-15-0
STRAITS TIN			
New York Market:			
Straits tin, c.i.f., New York, (25 tons lots), sellers, per lb. 5 1/2 cts., down 1/2 ct.			
Market—Easy.			

IRELAND AND THE LEAGUE

Dublin, Dec. 4.
A resolution demanding that the Free State Government should claim from the League of Nations recognition of Ireland's independence and if it were not accorded that the Free State should withdraw from Geneva, was heavily defeated at the Fianna Fail convention here to-day.

Another resolution commending the Free State Government's policy was carried with one dissenting voice.

Mr. Eamon De Valera, the President of the Free State Government, declared that if their membership in the League did not help it, it did not prevent their working for the unity and independence of their country.

Later, replying to a question in the Dail, Mr. De Valera said that rumours of negotiations between the Government of Great Britain and the Free State were without foundation.

LAVAL GOVERNMENT PROSPECTS

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press" (Copyright).)

Paris, Dec. 4.
Political circles were not over optimistic on Wednesday, in appraising the Laval Government's prospects in surviving the critical debate on National and Political Leagues which will be resumed on Thursday, but probably will not reach the decisive stage until Friday. Names of seventeen speakers including Premier Laval, Home Minister M. Paganon, are still on the list with seven more interpellations announced.

BRIDGE

Triangular Match A Success

A triangular contract bridge match was played at the Kowloon Cricket Club on Monday, December 2 against the American Club and the Club de Recreio.

This match was the first ever played with the American Club and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Dinner was served at the half-way stage, and the President of the K.C.C., Mr. R. E. Lindsell, made a short speech welcoming the visitors and expressing the hope that many more of these popular friendly matches would be played. Mr. Tyson and Mr. Remedios for the American Club and the Club de Recreio replied thanking their hosts and inviting them to a return match. The K.C.C. were the winners, scoring 5,700 points over their opponents. The American Club losing 4,380 and the Club de Recreio 1,320 points.

The detailed scores were as follows:—
R. E. Lindsell and M. N. Rakusen beat R. M. Kerry and D. O'Kieffe by 1,300.

Beat G. Duclos and J. C. Pool by 1,120.
Beat H. A. Barros and P. N. da Silva by 1,080.
Beat A. M. Xavier and J. E. Noronha by 1,080.
Beat A. J. Basto and A. F. Noronha by 570.

Lost to K. K. Rounds and D. M. Higgins by 1,520.
Lost to F. N. Tyson and M. Simon by 110.

Lost to F. E. A. Remedios and D. A. Alonco by 800.
Total—2,750.

F. W. Shaffarin and W. L. MacKenzie beat Kerry and O'Kieffe by 70.
Beat Duclos and Pool by 230.
Beat Rounds and Biggar by 1,330.
Beat Tyson and Simon by 570.
Beat Barros and da Silva by 440.
Beat Noronha and Xavier by 2,000.

Beat Basto and Noronha by 160.
Lost to Remedios and Alonco by 130.
Total—4,870.

E. Kern and A. V. Baker beat Rounds and Biggar by 470.
Beat Tyson and Simon by 1,200.
Beat Barros and da Silva by 1,090.

Beat Basto and Noronha by 1,320.
Lost to Kerry and O'Kieffe by 340.
Lost to Duclos and Pool by 1,130.
Lost to Remedios and Alonco by 320.

Lost to Noronha and Xavier by 2,880.
Total—1,110.

D. S. Green and C. J. Tacchi beat Kerry and O'Kieffe by 1,510.
Beat Duclos and Pool by 570.
Beat Rounds and Biggar by 1,480.
Beat Tyson and Simon by 220.
Beat Barros and da Silva by 10.
Lost to Remedios and Alonco by 2,240.

Lost to Noronha and Xavier by 2,230.
Lost to Basto and Noronha by 1,250.
Total—1,830.

Remedios and Alonco beat Duclos and Pool by 590.
Beat Rounds and Biggar by 840.
Beat Tyson and Simon by 1,440.
Lost to Kerry and O'Kieffe by 680.
Total—5,680.

Barros and da Silva beat Kerry and O'Kieffe by 940.
Lost to Duclos and Pool by 30.
Lost to Rounds and Biggar by 3,170.

Lost to Tyson and Simon by 1,540.
Total—8,420.

Noronha and Xavier beat Kerry and O'Kieffe by 1,170.
Lost to Duclos and Pool by 930.
Lost to Rounds and Biggar by 470.

Lost to Tyson and Simon by 2,530.
Total—390.

Basto and Noronha beat Kerry and O'Kieffe by 930.
Beat Rounds and Biggar by 1,640.
Lost to Duclos and Pool by 1,300.
Lost to Tyson and Simon by 160.

Duclos and Pool were—780, Tyson and Simon—910, Rounds and Biggar—600, and Kerry and O'Kieffe—540.

The Radical Socialists who hold the balance of power, are as yet undecided as to the line of action they will take. It is generally held that if the debate should bring forth further "revelations" concerning the activities of the Nationalist Leagues, similar to those already produced by Deputy Guernut in the course of Wednesday's session, a sufficient number of Radical Socialists may swing over to the Opposition, and seal the fate of the Government.

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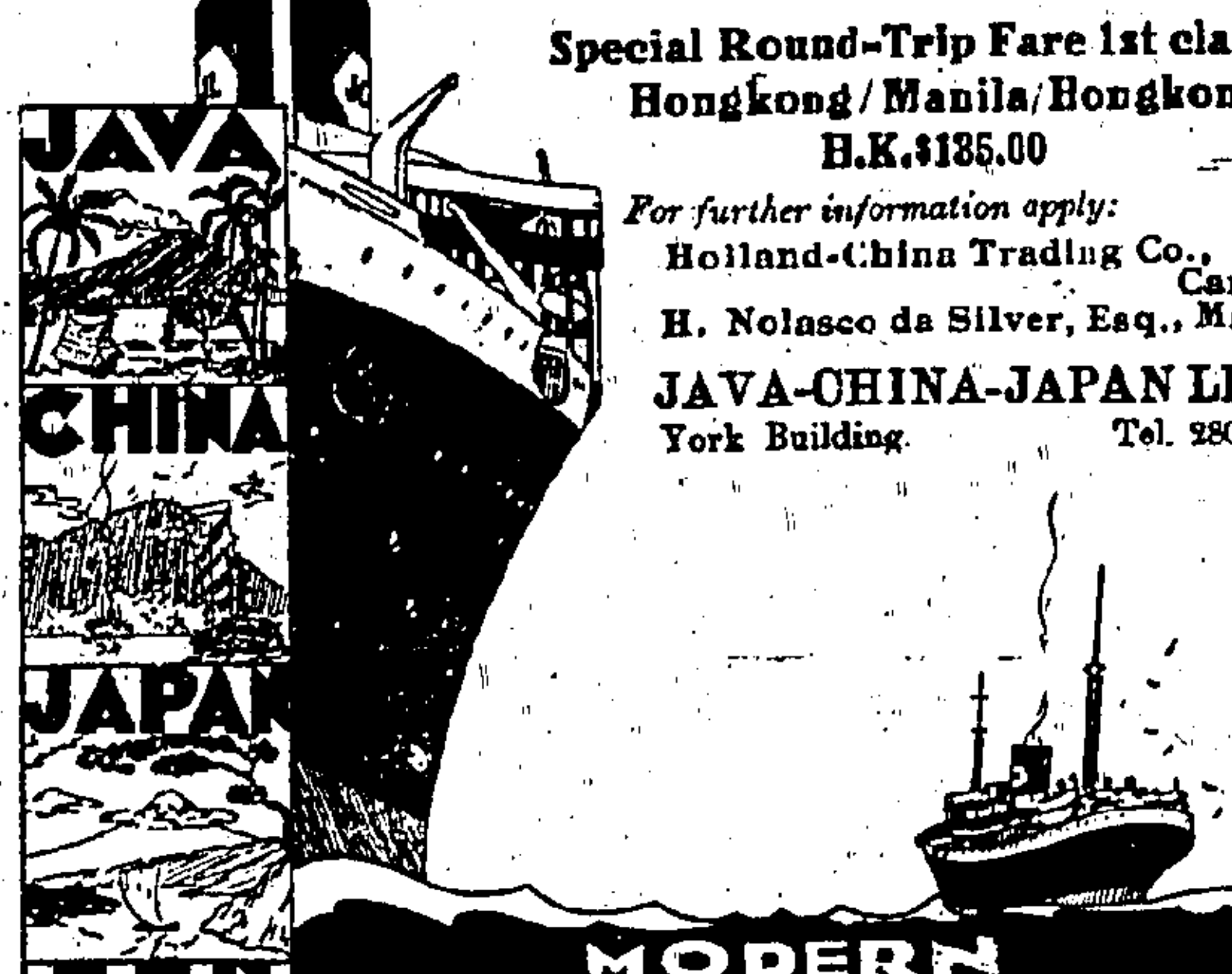
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WEEKLY BALANCE SHEET

Paris, Dec. 4.

The weekly balance sheet of the Banque de France, being issued to-morrow, will show that the drain of gold during the week ended November 28 totalled three milliard francs. The statement covering the subsequent week will, however, make a much more favourable showing.

Indeed, the drain has been practically nil since December 1, the last important drawing being three million francs on November 30. The diminution of withdrawals is attributed to the improvement in "psychological" conditions.

Reuter.

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Buyers

Banks, \$1350.
Canton Insee, 250.
Wharves, \$89.
Providents (old), \$1.
Trams, \$14.10.
Yamatul Ferries, \$15.
Lights, \$10.
Electric, \$65.
Telephones (old), \$23.10.
Telephones (new), \$9.
Ropes, \$4.60.
Dairy Farms, \$17.
Laine & Crawford, \$8.
Watsons, \$4.20.

Sales.

Banks, \$1330.
Unions, \$565.
Providents (old), 1.10.
Ropes, 4.
Dairy Farms, 17.

H. K. STOCK EXCHANGE

YESTERDAY'S OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS

The market continues very active and further substantial advances are to be recorded. Buyers predominate for the majority of stocks and in spite of the higher prices it is difficult to find sellers at current rates.

BUYERS

Hong Kong Banks, \$1350.
Bank of East Asia, \$70.
Union Insurance, \$550.
H.K. Fire Insurance, \$240.
Union Waterboats, \$12.
Antamoks, \$1.15.
Balatocs, \$17.
Rauhs, \$9.35.
Wharves (old), \$90.
Wharves (new), \$87.
Providents (old), \$1.
Hotels, \$4.60.
H.K. Lands, \$25.
Humphreys, \$9.
Hong Kong Trams, \$14.
China Lights, \$10.60.
Electric, \$65.
Telephones (old), \$23.
Telephones (new), \$9.
Cements, \$5.
H.K. Ropes, \$4.60.
Dairy Farms, \$17.
Watsons, \$4.
Govt. 4% Loan, 4 1/4% Prem.

SELLERS

Wharves (old), \$91.
SALES

Hong Kong Banks, \$1330/1350.
Antamoks, \$1.15.
Gold Rivers, 7 cts.
Rauhs, \$9.45.
Wharves (old), \$90/91.
Providents (old), \$1.10.
Hotels, \$5.
Hong Kong Trams, \$14/14.4.
Star Ferries, \$88.
China Lights, \$10.60.
Electric, \$65.
Telephones (new), \$9.
H.K. Ropes, \$4 1/4.

THE EXCHANGE MARKET

MESSRS. ROZA BROS.

Silver prices dropped 1/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 29-3/16 for Ready and 28-13/16 for Forward. Advances reported America as having bought and India sold. The market closed steady.

In America the rate was unchanged at 65-3/8 for spot. The London/New York cross-rate rose 1/4 to 493-1/4 and the New York/London rate was unchanged at 493-3/8.

Market was weak throughout the morning but towards the close reacted slightly.

Business was done shortly after the opening at 1/4-3/4 for cash, followed by transactions at 1/4-1/2 for cash, 1/4-7/16, 1/4-3/8 and 1/4-1/4 for cash, 1/3-3/4 was also arranged for February delivery. The market then re-acted slightly and business was done at 1/3-7/8 for February, 1/4-1/16 for January, 1/4-1/4 for December, 1/4-3/8 for cash and 1/4-1/8 for January. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 1/4-5/16 for cash, 1/4-1/4 for December, 1/4-1/8 for January and 1/3-15/16 for February, buyers at 1/8 higher respectively.

U.S. Dollars

Business was done shortly after the opening at 34-7/16 for cash. The selling rate then receded down to 33-3/8, at which rate, some business was done for December delivery. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 33-1/2 for cash, 33-3/8 for December and 33 for January, buyers at 1/8 higher respectively.

Shanghai Dollars

Sellers were quoted towards lunch time at 112-1/2 for cash. Shanghai Market

There were sellers for Sterling at 1/2-15/32 and for U. S. Dollars at 29-3/4 for spot.

IN THE AFTERNOON

The market was extremely nervous in the afternoon owing to rumours of impending legislation which subsequently materialised in Government control of the exchange.

Sterling

Business was done at 1/4-5/16 for cash, 1/4-3/16 for December and 1/4-1/8 for January. The market closed with sellers at 1/4-1/4 for cash, 1/4-3/16 for December and 1/4-1/8 for January, buyers at 1/16 higher respectively.

U.S. Dollars

The market closed with sellers at 33-3/8 for cash, 33-1/8 for December and 33 for January, buyers at 1/8 higher respectively.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE)

	December 3.	December 4.
Paris	74 53/64	74 37/64
Geneva	15.24	15.24
Berlin	12.26	12.27
Athens		
Milan		
Shanghai	4.93 1/16	4.93 5/16
New York	7.27 1/2	7.28
Amsterdam		
Vienna	119 3/16	119 1/2
Prague		
Bucharest		
Madrid	36 1/2	
Lisbon		
Hong Kong	1/5 7/16	1/5
Brussels	29.16 1/2	29.20
Montevideo	39 9/16 S.O.	
Belgrade	217	
Montreal	4.98 1/2	4.98 1/2
Yokohama	1/2	
Helsingfors		
Rio		
Buenos Aires	29 1/2	29 3/16
Silver (Spot)	28 1/2	28 13/16
Silver (forward)	3 1/2 106 1/2	3 1/2 106 1/2
War Loan		

Closing Quotations

December 5, 1935.		On New York:—	
On LONDON:—		Bank Bills, on demand 3 1/2	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/4	Credits, 60 days sight 3 1/2	
Bank Bills, on demand		ON BATAVIA:—	
Bank Bills, 4 months	1/4	On demand	4 1/2
sight	1/4	ON PARIS:—	
Credits, four months	1/5 1/2	Bank Bills, on demand 5 1/2	
ON SHANGHAI:—		Credit, 4 months sight 5 1/2	
On Demand	119 1/2	ON SAIGON:—	
ON SINGAPORE:—		On demand	5 1/2
On demand	5 1/2	ON MANILA:—	
ON JAPAN:—		On demand	6 1/2
On demand	117 1/2	ON BANGKOK:—	
ON INDIA:—		On demand	13 1/2
Telegraphic Transfer	1/2	SOVEREIGNS, Bank Buying	1/5 1/2
Bank, on demand	1/2	Rate	1/5 1/2
		BAR SILVER, per oz.	49 3/16

PROTECTION OF TRADE

Currency Decree In Germany

Berlin, Dec. 4.

A decree enacting that Reichsbank notes may not henceforth be imported into Germany except by special permit, was published here on Wednesday in the official gazette. It is pointed out that despite the ban on the export of Reichsbank notes, such notes have lately been illegally taken abroad in increasing quantities, so that the supply in foreign markets became unusually large, resulting in Reichsbank notes being quoted at a considerable discount.

This state of affairs tends to diminish German revenue in foreign currencies, to which Germany is entitled in exchange of her exports and other services. In order to put an end to this obvious detriment to German national economy, the German Government finds itself compelled to supplement the existing ban on the export of Reichsbank notes, by the prohibition of the import of Reichsbank notes.

This measure does not affect the value of German currency, since free Reichsbank—that is Reichsbank notes from legally acquired transferable foreign accounts in Germany—is now as before accepted in its full value everywhere abroad, and quoted at monetary parity. These accounts of "free Reichsbank" or orders for payments to be made from such accounts, have in normal times been the sole means of making payments in Reichsbank in international transactions.

Reichsbank notes never have been traded or bought to an appreciable extent for payment of obligations towards Germany. If the German Government now takes steps to curb foreign dealings in Reichsbank which brought about by illegal means and which were calculated to injure Germany's national economy, this—as mentioned before and as shown by firm quotations of the free Reichsbank abroad—has no significance whatsoever as far as the German currency itself is concerned.

DR. SCHACHT'S VIEWS

It is simply a matter of taking the necessary precautions to ensure that German national economy is not deprived by illegal means of foreign currency accruing to it for German exports, services and capital investments. The Reichsbank president, Dr. Schacht, in a speech declared "I guarantee you that I will never co-operate in such a fraud if it should ever be recommended by someone." In the further course of his speech the Doctor stressed "the absolute necessity" of Germany maintaining her foreign

SINGAPORE RAW RUBBER

Latest Singapore Prices

BERNARD & POTTS

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts received the following Straits currency quotations (buyers) from Singapore yesterday for Raw Rubber:—

Spot	21½ cts.	up ¼ ct.
Jan./Mar.	22 cts.	up ¼ ct.
Apr./June	22½ cts.	up ¼ ct.
July/Sept.	23 cts.	up ¼ ct.
Market.—Steady.		

Market—Steady.

H. B. JOSEPH & CO.

Messrs. H. B. Joseph & Co. received the following Straits currency quotations from Singapore yesterday for Raw Rubber:—

	Buyers	Sellers
Spot	21 1/2 up	21 1/2
Jan./Mar.	21 1/2 up	21 1/2
Apr./June	22 1/2 up	22 1/2
July/Sept.	23 up	23

Market—Steady.

BERLIN SHARE MARKET

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press" (Copyright).)

Berlin, Dec. 4.

There was no decisive set in the trend of the share market on Wednesday, only special stocks being sought. Fixed interest securities mostly changed hands in small quantities, the only chief exception being Mexican Bonds which were in brisk demand. Gold Mortgage Bonds and communal bonds were neglected. Call Money was at 3%, Young Loan 102 (Tuesday unquoted) Dye Trusts were 1/2 point firmer at 150. Salzdetfurth Potash dropped two points to 190. German Steel Trusts were 1/4 lower to 75 1/4. German Mineral Oils weakened 1/4 to 102 3/4. Seimenshalske rose 1/4 to 170. Bemberg Rayon were unchanged at 101 1/4.

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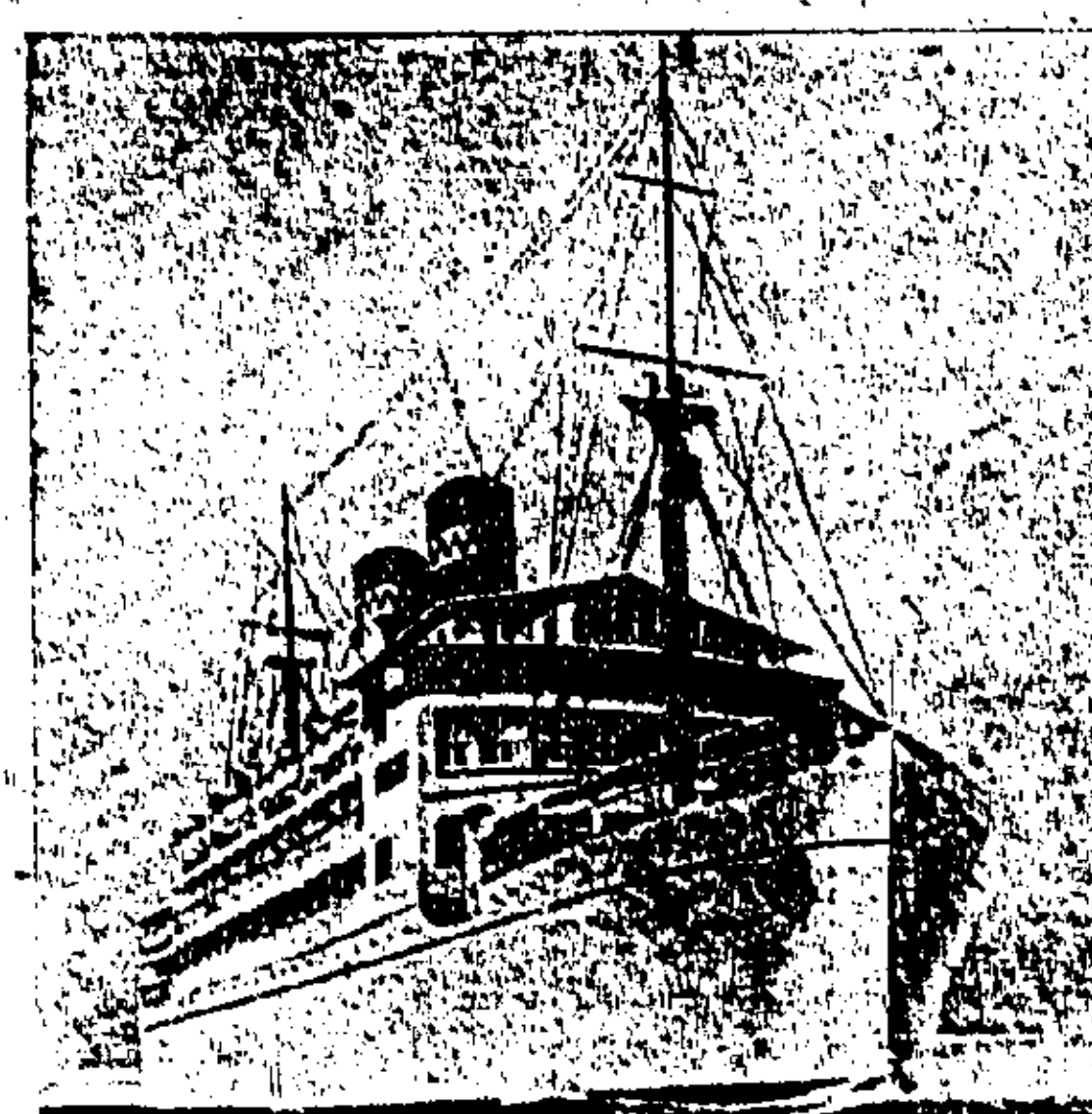
trade, adding that this necessity called for close co-operation with the outside world. The speaker strongly deprecated "the false methods" of German propaganda which was obstructing foreign trade and resulting in the loss of hundreds of millions in foreign currencies as well as in increased unemployment in the export industries.

"There is the urgent need," said Dr. Schacht "for procuring raw materials from abroad, and the more raw materials we can import, the more work will be provided for our unemployed. I myself am a confirmed National Socialist, and I must demand that others will not lose sight of this great goal of getting our unemployed back to work."

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PRINCE LINE.

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FROM
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THE Motor Vessel "MALAYAN PRINCE" having arrived from the above Ports on 30th instant, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Friday, 6th Dec. 1935, at 10 a.m. All Claims must be presented within 15 Days of the vessel's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th Dec. 1935, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hong Kong 30th Nov. 1935. [4013]

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CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

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CONSIGNEES are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed & stored in the godowns of the Hong Kong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after loading.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 10th Dec. 1935, or they will not be recognised.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 11.00 a.m. on 6th Dec. 1935.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL,
Agent.
Hong Kong, 30th November, 1935. [4015]

REICHSMARK QUOTATIONS

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press" (Copyright).)

Berlin, Dec. 4.

Reichsmark quotations (without guarantee):

New York	40.24
Paris	160.25
Amsterdam	59.535
London	12.26
Paris Sterling	74.87 to 74.91
Dollar	15.18 to 15.18 1/8

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All Claims against the Undersigned must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 28th Dec. 1935, or they will not be recognised.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 11th Dec. 1935, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hong Kong, 4th Dec. 1935. [4036]

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General Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to the Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from the Godown on and after 8th Dec.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Vessel's Godown, and all General Cargo remaining undelivered after 10th Dec. will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Undersigned must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 24th Dec. 1935, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

3rd December, 1935. [4037]

CANADIAN PACIFIC ANNOUNCES

Sailings for 1936

	Hong Kong	Shanghai	Nagasaki	Kobe	Yokohama	Honolulu	Vancouver
	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Arrive
E/Japan	Jan. 14	Jan. 18		Jan. 19	Jan. 21	Jan. 27	Feb. 1
E/Asia	Jan. 29	Jan. 31	Feb. 2	Feb. 4	Feb. 6		Feb. 15
E/Canada	Feb. 11	Feb. 13		Feb. 16	Feb. 18	Feb. 25	Mar. 1
E/Russia	Feb. 26	Feb. 28	Mar. 1	Mar. 3	Mar. 5		Mar. 14
E/Japan	Mar. 6	Mar. 8		Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 19	Mar. 24
E/Asia	Mar. 20	Mar. 22	Mar. 24	Mar. 26	Mar. 28		April 6
E/Canada	April 3	April 5		April 8	April 10	April 17	April 23
E/Russia	April 17	April 19	April 21	April 23	April 25		May 4
E/Japan	May 1	May 3		May 6	May 8	May 14	May 19
E/Asia	May 15	May 17	May 19	May 21	May 23		June 1
E/Canada	May 29	May 31		June 3	June 5	June 12	June 17
E/Russia	June 12	June 14	June 16	June 18	June 20		June 29
E/Japan	June 26	June 28		July 1	July 3	July 9	July 14
E/Asia	July 10	July 12	July 14	July 16	July 18		July 27
E/Canada	July 24	July 26		July 29	July 31	Aug. 7	Aug. 13

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HIYE MARU (Starts from Kobe) ... Monday, 20th Jan.

EBIAN MARU ... Wednesday, 8th Jan.

LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM ... Friday, 6th Dec.

TERUKUNI MARU ... Saturday, 21st Dec.

HAUSAN MARU ... Saturday, 4th Jan.

HARUNA MARU ... Saturday, 4th Jan.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila and Ports.

NEPTUNA ... Tuesday, 18th Dec.

ATSUTA MARU ... Saturday, 28th Dec.

KAMO MARU ... Saturday, 28th Dec.

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NOSHIO MARU ... Friday, 27th Dec.

NARUTO MARU ... Tuesday, 14th Jan.

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Beyrouth, Istanbul, Piraeus.

Genoa and Valencia.

DAKAR MARU ... Wednesday, 11th Dec.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

LIFBOO MARU ... Sunday, 8th Dec.

MALACCA MARU ... Sunday, 15th Dec.

NAGATO MARU ... Sunday, 28th Dec.

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Daily Statement. Clearances.
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ITALY PAYS OVER £1,000,000 IN SUEZ CANAL DUES

458 Ship Loads Of Men And Arms

More than £1,000,000, it is estimated, has already been added to the Suez Canal Company's revenue by Italy's war with Abyssinia.

Through that bright sun-ridden waterway Italian ships, liners, transports, tramp-steamers, derelicts saved from the shipbreakers' yards and even humble tugs are passing laden with munitions and mules.

They are bound for Eritrea and Italian Somaliland and returning with sick and wounded.

HOW TONNAGE HAS INCREASED

The following figures of Italian passages through the canal from January to October tell their own story, and give a vision of Italy's war effort:

January
Eight ships. Five had cargoes of war material and 600 soldiers.

May
Fifty ships carrying "general baggage" and timber, munitions, mules, motor-cars, forage and 25,000 troops.

August
Sixty-one ships outward bound and 38 returning. Half of outward-bound vessels carried "general baggage," but the sole cargo of others was coal, timber, munitions, the ever necessary petrol and benzine and barbed wire, and nearly 35,000 troops.

September
A crescendo of Italian effort outward 92 ships with 57 returning in ballast. They made a total of more than 600,000 tons passing through the canal. Thirty-five ships carried "general baggage" and 22 of them were laden with mules. There was more petrol, timber, meat and forage, and 45,000 troops.

October
Eighty-seven ships outward bound with 72 returning in ballast. On board were nearly 65,000 troops. Five ships carried petrol and fuel oil alone, 18 more had cargoes of mules, meat, timber, cement, coal. One had just a cargo of fresh water. The troops on board numbered 83,954.

In all there passed through the canal:

255,680 troops.
458 shiploads of men and munitions.

In 10 months nearly 2,000,000 tons of Italian shipping outward bound and more than 1,250,000 tons returning in ballast. For the canal company this has meant a grand harvest in golden francs. From the laden ships there was possibly more than £750,000 in dues, and from ships returning in ballast (paying half rates) £250,000, and for the transport of troops nearly another £200,000.

NEWS FROM THE WATERFRONT

Freight And Asiatic Passengers Returns

(BY LONGSHOREMAN).

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, the freight returns, received from the Harbour Office show a moderate tonnage movement, a large proportion of which being, contributed by Norwegian ships.

The total tonnage of general cargo carried by vessels to the Colony was 7,844 tons, with British steamers carrying 2,813 tons.

Through cargo for ports beyond the Colony amounted to 12,084 tons, of which 4,774 tons were carried by British steamers.

Asiatic deck passengers entering into the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were 661, and all of which were from British steamers.

There were altogether only 10 arrivals, of which 6 were of British registry, the remainder being of other nationalities, while of the 18 departures, 9 were British ships, the rest being of other different countries. Particulars as follows:

Nationality	Ships	Tonnage.
British	6	7,587
Norwegian	2	9,261
Japanese	1	2,860
Chinese	1	—
Total	10	19,708

SHIPS IN HARBOUR

WHARVES

Kowloon:—Houtham, Sul Sang, Isar and Bengal Maru.
Socony—Lachukok:—Yat Shing China Merchants:—Hal Li, Jardine Matheson's:—Sandviken, Sukong:—Wing Wo, Chiu On:—Hydrangea.

DOCKS

Kowloon:—Arden, Yuet On, Michael Jensen, Sul An, Kaitangata and Anna Maersk.
Talkoo:—B.M.S. Orpheus, Yingchow, Tungchow, Yunnan, Hong Hsing, Turb, Stentor and Com Henri Riviere.

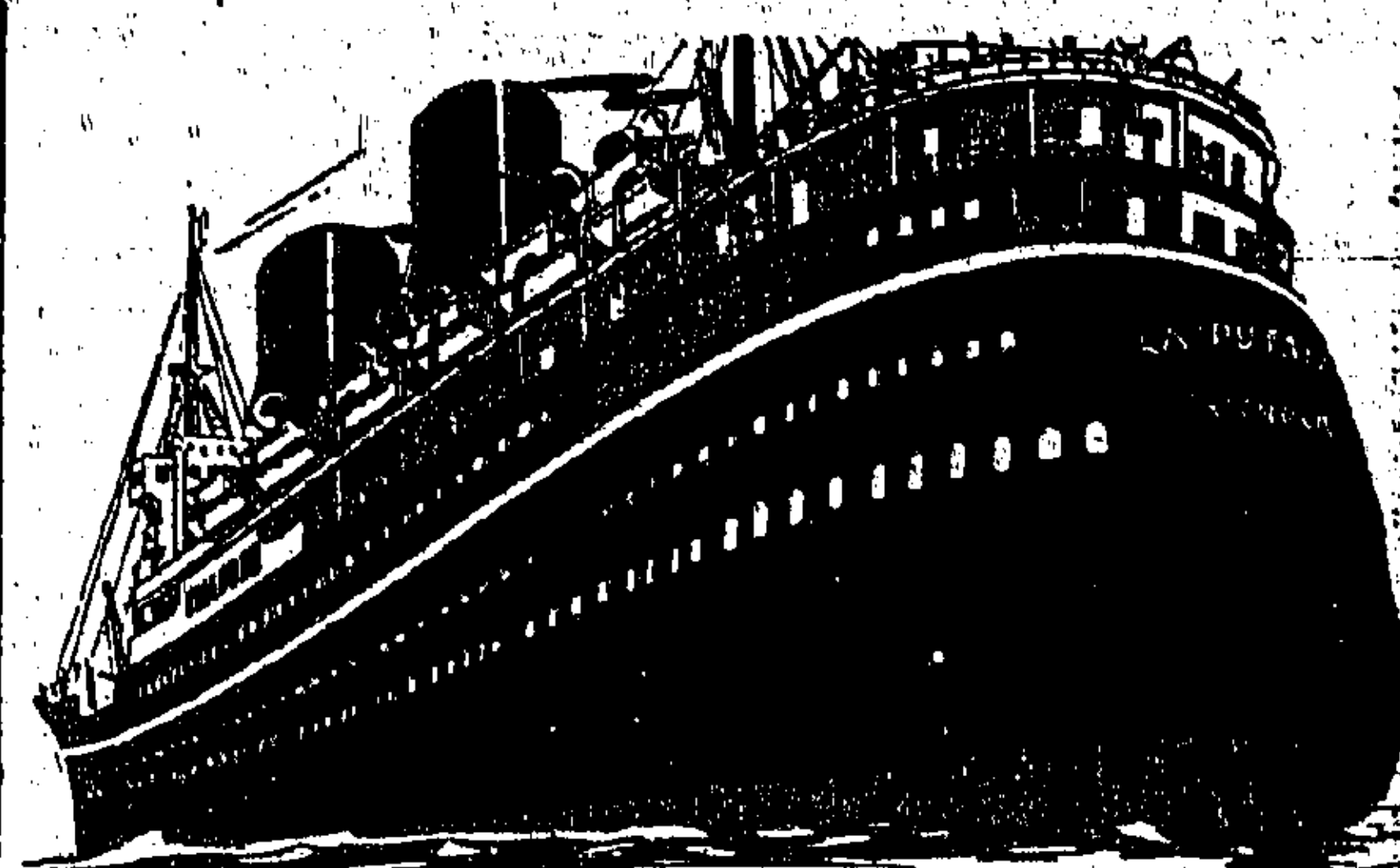
BUOYS

No. A17:—Irion.
No. B3:—Yochow.
No. B4:—Lyeemoon.
No. B5:—Helikon.
No. B12:—Tin Seng.
No. B15:—Kiangsu.
No. B16:—Hiram.
No. B22:—Hin Sang.
No. B23:—Nasusan Maru.
No. B25:—Kojun Maru.
No. B26:—Breiviken.
No. C1:—Prosper.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

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*BHUTAN	16,000	28th Dec.	do
*CARTHAGE	14,000	11th Jan.	Marsa, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull, Bombay, Madras & London.
*BEHAR	6,000	18th Jan.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull, Bombay, Madras & London.
*RAJPUTANA	17,000	25th Jan.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull, Bombay, Madras & London.
*SOUDAN	7,000	1st Feb.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull, Bombay, Madras & London.
CHITRAL	15,000	8th Feb.	Marseilles & London.
*BURDWAN	15,000	2nd Feb.	Marseilles & London.
*RAJPUTANA	17,000	29th Feb.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull, Bombay, Madras & London.
*RAJPUTANA	17,000	7th Mar.	Marseilles & London.

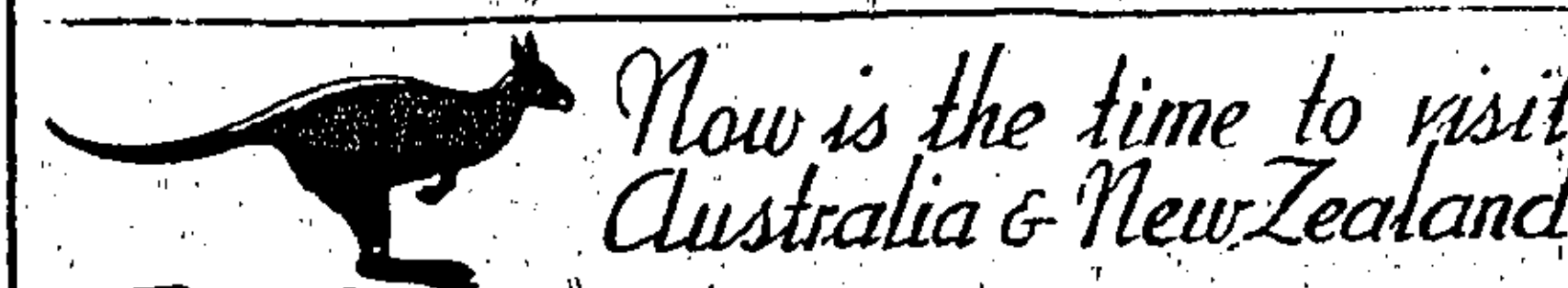
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*BEHAR	6,000	12th Dec.	Shanghai & Japan
CARTHAGE	14,000	18th Dec.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
TALMA	10,000	28th Dec.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan
RAJPUTANA	17,000	28th Dec.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
NELLORE	7,000	6th Jan.	Shanghai & Japan
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